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SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

Aims & Scope:

World CUP '99 was one of the eagerly awaited biggest event before the new millennium. All tournaments are important, but participation in the quadrennial show has its own flavour and excitement. The hero of the 1983 victorious team picked the Indian squad for the latest edition of the tournament in England. Upto 1987, 8 teams played world cup cricket tournament and in 1992 the number increased to 9 teams. In 1996 and 1999, 12 teams played in the world cup cricket tournament. The forth coming world cup cricket tournament will commence in 2003 in South Africa in which 14 or 15 countries will take part.

The idea behind compiling this dissertation was to bring at one place in a single volume material on world cup '99 matches. I hope this will be of great value for the persons seeking information on the world cup '99 matches.

Methodology:

The primary sources were consulted in the following libraries.

- i) Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- ii) Jawahar Lal Nehru University Library, New Delhi.
- iii) Coaching and Guidance Cell, AMU, Aligarh.
- iv) Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium's Library, Delhi.
- v) Delhi Public Library, Delhi.
- vi) Indira Gandhi Stadium's Library, Delhi.

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The Indian standards recommended for bibliographical references (IS: 2381-1963) and classified Catalogue Code (CCC) of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan have been followed. In some cases where ISI do not give any guidance, I have taken appropriate decision.

Arrangement:

The entries are arranged under subject heading which are arranged alphabetically, following letter by letter method. The entry element of the author is in capitals, followed by the secondary element in parenthesis using capital and small letters and then the title of the articles, subtitle (if any) then name of the periodical being underlined followed by the volume number, issue number, the year, month and date giving by using inclusive notation of the pages of the articles.

Entries of periodical articles are arranged as follows:

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- s) A full stop (.).

Specimen Entry:

104. DINA KAR (S). True captain. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 41.

The author had expected that the skipper Wasim Akram played a key role as Pakistan staged a fine recovery to win the crucial group clash against the West Indies at Bristol. But then he has always loved the big stage. Akram has transformed a trouble-ridden Pakistan team into one single cohesive unit, his single biggest contribution. Many of the successful young stars, Mushtaq, Akhtar, Azhar Mahmood, have been carefully nursed by Akram and no wonder these young men respond wonderfully to their skipper. It is a symbiotic relationship. Indeed, Wasim Akram is cricketer extraordinary and captain courageous.

Explanation:

The title of this article is "True Captain" written by "S. Dinakar" in the 22nd volume of the issue number 22 of the year 1999 on the page 41 against this entry the serial number is given.

Abstract:

The entry's in the bibliography contains abstract given the essential information about the articles. Attempts have been made to papers indicative abstract; so that in most of the cases users needs are fulfilled with abstract itself.

Subject Heading:

Attempt has been made to give co-extensive subject headings much as possible, it will facilitate the readers to find out desired article (s) from this bibliography.

Index:

The index part contains the author index, and title index arranged alphabetically. The index guides to the specific entry or entries in the bibliography. It is hoped that it will be found useful in consultation of the bibliography.

Part One

INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP:

The world cup cricket championship is quite recent in origin- the first world cup was held just 24 years ago in England in the summer of 1975. This is because one day cricket as known in contemporary context, is new. The first international one day cricket match was held just four years prior to the first world cup. Though cricket when it began was essentially a one day game, as the competition began to grow so did the interest and with it, the spread from one to two, two to three and finally to 5 day game which became the established form of international competition.

With a rapid change in the pace of life, spectators were getting bored with matches which appeared to appear to meander along gently and often, aimlessly. To some, this type of cricket was acceptable but to many others, particularly the newer generation of spectators, it was not. Such a spectator wanted excitement and a definite result which domestic cricket and test cricket often could not provide. Nowhere else was the problem more acute than in England. Spectators were slowly but surely shying away from watching country cricket. The first limited overs competition - the Gillette Cup in 1963- was staged as an economic necessity for the survival of cricket in the land of its birth. It proved to be a tremendous success. Six years later, the Sunday afternoon John player league was introduced and then came, in 1972, the Benson and Hedges Cup.

The success of these matches finally set the stage for international matches that started in England between the hosts and

the visiting teams. The first of these matches was held in 1972 between England and Australia. (Actually the first ever one day international was hostility arranged one at Melbourne between Australia and England on the 5th staged for the benefit of spectators in a rain marred test match). There were a series of 3 matches with 55 overs, by now, the rest of the test playing countries had also started getting attracted to this form of cricket at a domestic level and getting exposed to it internationally on their tour to England. The success of these international matches resulted in the mooted of the idea of a world cup cricket championship in 1975 in England. The idea was acceptable to the member countries of the I.C.C. and with a sponsor (Prudential) forthcoming, the world cup became a reality.

PRUDENTIAL WORLD CUP IN 1975:

The international cricket conference (I.C.C.), now known as International Cricket Council, approved a proposal on July 25, 1973 to held a limited overs world cup tournament. The first prudential world cup was held in England from the 7th to the 21st July 1975. One -day cricket was a vastly different game. There were no fielding circles, white balls, coloured clothing or helmets. Most of the teams had little experienced in this form of the game, just 18 on-day internationals had also been played till them.

On the 7th June, 1975 the first Prudential World Cup got underway at four centres-Lord's in London, Edgbaston in Birmingham, Headingley in Leeds and old Trafford in Manchester. For purposes of records the Lord's match between England and India is considered the first mach of the 1975 Prudential World Cup.

The teams were divided into two groups. in Group A were East Africa, England, India and New Zealand. Group B comprised

Australia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and West Indies. In the semi-finals Australia beat England and the West Indies trounced New Zealand.

The West Indies, then beginning their ascent to the pinnacle with an incredible run of success, won the inaugural tournament. The total prize money on offer was \$ 9,000, with the winners receiving \$ 4,000 and the runners-up \$ 2,000. The losing semi-finalists got \$ 1,000. Total gate money of \$ 188,598 was paid by the 117,809 people who came in through the turnstiles. The world cup became a great spectacle, graced by Princes and Prime Ministers, and savoured by a huge number of people all over the globe.

PRUDENTIAL WORLD CUP, 1979:

There was little change in 1979, with the same venue, the same sponsor doling out two-and-a half times the amount given earlier, and the same winners.

The one difference was that a tournament for the associate members was conducted earlier, and the two finalists, Sri Lanka and Canada, earned the right to participate in the World Cup alongside the six test playing countries.

With the sponsorship amount at \$ 250,000 the prize money was hiked to \$ 25,900. The winners received 10,000 pounds sterling, and the runner-up \$ 4,000. The losing semi-finalists got \$ 2,000 each. The crowds this time grew to 132,768 despite inclement weather which led to the abandonment of a match.

Group A include Australia, Canada, England and Pakistan. In Group B were India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and the West Indies. In the semi-finals, the West Indies defeated Pakistan, while England beat New Zealand.

PRUDENTIAL WORLD CUP, 1983:

In 1983, it was an enlarged format with each team playing the other twice in the respective groups. By new Sri Lanka had earned full membership of I.C.C. Zimbabwe had emerged as the strongest outfit among the associate members, winning the I.C.C. trophy easily. In Group A this time were England, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Group B had Australia, India, West Indies and Zimbabwe.

Prudential continued to back the effort, raising the sponsorship figure to \$ 500,000. Prize money went upto \$ 66,200. The winners pocketed \$ 20,000 while the runners-up got \$ 8,000. The losing semi-finalist received \$ 4,000 each.

In the semi-finals the West Indies beat Pakistan, while India defeated hosts England. Then in one of the most stunning upsets in history, India beat the West Indies to lift the Prudential Cup.

RELIANCE WORLD CUP, 1987:

India and Pakistan bid jointly and successfully to host the 4th world cup. RIL (Reliance Indian Ltd.) won for themselves the honour of having the world cup named "The Reliance World Cup". A magnificent trophy designed by Garrad of England and Crafted by Jaipur's Arun Jewellers was at state.

The sponsorship amount now was rupees twenty million. The prize money increased to \$ 99,300⁺ with the winners receiving \$ 30,000 and the runner up \$ 12,000. The losing semi-finalist got \$ 6,000 each. The guarantee money this time was \$ 200,000 to test playing countries and \$ 170,000 to Zimbabwe.

In Group A were Australia, India, New Zealand and Zimbabwe. Group B comprised England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the West

Indies. The sentimental favourites were India and Pakistan, both were upset in the semi-finals. First Australia defeated Pakistan and the next day England beat India. The final between the Ashes rivals was a keen affair. Australia narrowly beat England to signal their ascent to the Pinnacle of the cricketing world.

BENSON AND HEDGES WORLD CUP, 1992.

The 5th World Cup was jointly allotted to Australia and New Zealand on virtually the same lines as it was in the case in the 4th world cup in India and Pakistan. Benson and Hedges sponsored the tournament this time, with the prize money going up to 284,000 Australian dollars.

The South Africans were welcomed back into the fold with Zimbabwe too gaining full membership, this was the only occasion when the world cup was contested by the test playing countries only. All the nine teams played each others in a round-robin league in the tournament. It was in many ways a tournament of upsets. None of the three past champions- West Indies, India and Australia - made it to the semi-finals. Instead it was new Zealand who had a dream run of seven consecutive wins, before they crashed in the last two matches, including the semi-finals. South African too surprised by quickly finding their feet on their return to international cricket after 21 years. They too made it to the semi-finals. The two finalist were England and Pakistan. For England it was the third final. Pakistan had made their maiden entry, and they lifted the trophy in this new loo tournament. The traditional game had at last bridged its gap with the modern world.

WILLS WORLD CUP, 1996:

The 6th world cup to be staged jointly by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka is unique in many ways. This is the first time that 3 neighbouring countries are joining hands to hosts the world cup. As may as 12 teams are taking part 9 test playing nations- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, West Indies, England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Zimbabwe and 3 associate members of I.C.C. UAE, Kenya and Holland. These twelve countries have been divided into two groups A and B. These twelve countries would play a total of 37 matches 17 in India, 16 in Pakistan and 4 in Sri Lanka.

Wills were the sponsors for this world cup. The sponsorship amount paid by them was eight million pounds sterling. The prize money totalled \$ 2,000,000 with the winner receiving \$ 30,000 and the runner-up \$ 20,000. The losing semi-finalist received \$ 10,000 each. To give an idea of the figures, it was estimated that two million people watched the matches at the grounds, but two billion saw them on television during the 1996 world cup.

For the first time there was a quarter-final stage, and the teams that did not make it were Holland, Kenya, the United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe. The semi-finals were contested between Australia and the West Indies, and India and Sri Lanka, Australia advanced to the final along with Sri Lanka, and the rest in history.

WORLD CUP 1999:

The World Cup return to England in 1999 after a lapse of 16 years. So much has changed in the interim. An Indian businessman presides over the I.C.C. after stint by a great West Indies batsman of yore. There was now a permanent I.C.C. trophy crafted in silver and gilt by London jewellers Garrods, featuring a golden globe held

aloft by three silver column. Valued at about \$ 27,000 it is 60cm in height and weight 11 kg. It is turn of Pepsi to sponsor the tournament. The prize money to sponsor the tournament. The prize money an offer is close to \$ 600,000. The winner now get \$ 180,000 with the runner-up taking home \$ 90,000. The losing semi-finalist received \$ 60,000 each. The losing semi-finalist received \$ 60,000 each. The rest of the prize money shared by the other eight participants.

Kenya and Bangladesh have already gained one-day international status. For the latter it is the first appearance in the world cup, as it is for Scotland who have this privilege courtesy the tournament for the associate member countries.

GROUP MATCHES:

The 1999 World Cup is contested initially by 12 seeded teams split into two groups:

Group A	Group B
Sri Lanka	Australia
India	West Indies
South Africa	Pakistan
England	New Zealand
Zimbabwe	Bangladesh
Kenya	Scotland

Each team play every other one in their group. Two points are allocated for a win and one point for a tie or a no-result. The top three teams from each group progress to the super six phase, in an order of merit based on points gained in group matches. In the event of teams finishing on equal points in either group, the right to play in the Super Six stage is decided by (a) most wins; (b) when two teams have equal points and wins, which team won the match

India Sri Lanka South Africa England Zimbabwe Kenya Australia West Indies Pakistan New Zealand Bangladesh Scotland

GROUP MATCHES:

During the period May 14 to May 31, each team will play the other in its group - a total of 30 league matches.

May 14
England v Sri Lanka at Lord's London

May 15
India v South Africa at Hove
Zimbabwe v Kenya at Taunton

May 16
Australia v Scotland at Worcester
West Indies v Pakistan at Bristol

May 17
New Zealand v Bangladesh at Chelmsford

May 18
England v Kenya at Canterbury

May 19
Sri Lanka v South Africa at Northampton
India v Zimbabwe at Leicester

May 20
Australia v New Zealand at Cardiff
Pakistan v Scotland at Chester-Le-Street

May 21
West Indies v Bangladesh at Dublin

May 22
England v South Africa at The Oval
Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka at Worcester

May 23
India v Kenya at Bristol
Australia v Pakistan at Headingley

May 24
W. Indies v New Zealand at Southampton
Scotland v Bangladesh at Edinburgh

May 25
England v Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge

May 26
India v Sri Lanka at Taunton
South Africa v Kenya at Amsterdam

May 27
West Indies v Scotland at Leicester
Australia v B'desh at Chester-Le-Street

May 28
New Zealand v Pakistan at Derby

May 29
India v England at Edgbaston
Zimbabwe v South Africa at Chelmsford

May 30
Sri Lanka v Kenya at Southampton
West Indies v Australia at Old Trafford

May 31
Scotland v New Zealand at Edinburgh
Pakistan v Bangladesh at Northampton

Following the league matches involving the two groups, the top three teams in each group will carry their points over to the next stage of the competition - the Super Six. In the Super Six format, each team will play three matches against the qualifying teams from the other group. These nine matches will determine the top four teams to compete in the semi-finals.

SUPER SIX:

June 4
Group A 2nd v Group B 2nd at The Oval

June 5
Group A 1st v Group B 1st at Trent Bridge

June 6
Group A 3rd v Group B 3rd at Headingley

June 8
Group A 2nd v Group B 1st at Old Trafford

June 9
Group A 3rd v Group B 2nd at Lord's

June 10
Group A 1st v Group B 3rd at Edgbaston

June 11
Group A 3rd v Group B 1st at The Oval

June 12
Group A 2nd v Group B 3rd at Trent Bridge

June 13
Group A 1st v Group B 2nd at Headingley

The top four teams from the Super Six will qualify for the semi-finals where the team finishing first will play the team ranked fourth, while the team placed second will play the team that finishes third.

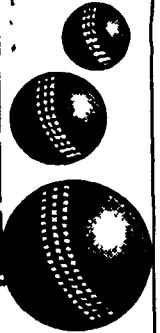
SEMI-FINALS:

June 16
Team 1 v Team 4 at Old Trafford

June 17
Team 2 v Team 3 at Edgbaston

FINAL: June 20

World Cup Finals will be played at Lord's, London on Sunday.



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between the two (when more than two have equal points and wins, which team won the most matches among those teams (c) if they are still equal, which team have the heigher net run-rate (d) if still equal, which team have more wickets per balls bowled; (e) in the unlikely event that teams still cannot be separated, the drawing of lots.

Super Six: in this second phase, each of the three qualifying teams from Group A play each of the ones from Group B. The top four at the end of the Super Six progress to the semi-finals, when first place plays fourth place and second plays third.

The six teams in the Super Six stage carry forward their points gained against the other teams who qualified from their respective groups. These are added to those they gain in the Super Six matches. In the event of teams finishing on equal points at the end of the Super Six stage, the semi-finalists are decided as they were for the group matches.

If a semi-final is a tie or no-result, the team who finished higher at the end of the Super Six stage proceeds to the final. If the final is a tie or no-result, the World Cup is shared by the finalists.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE:

Summary of first-round results at the cricket World Cup:

Group 'A':

May 14, Lord's: Sri Lanka 204 (R. Kaluwitharana 57, A. Mullally four for 37) lost to England 207 for two (A. Stewart 88, G. Hick 73 not out).

May 15, Taunton: Kenya 229 for seven (A. Vadher 54, N. Johnson four for 42) lost to Zimbabwe 231 for five (N. Johnson 59).

Hove: India 253 for five (S. Ganguly 97, R. Dravid 54, L. Klusener three for 66) lost to South Africa 254 for six (J. Kallis 96).

May 18, Canterbury: Kenya 203 (S. Tikolo 71, D. Gough four for 34) lost to England 204 for one (N. Hussain 88 not out, G. Hick 61 not out).

May 19, Northampton: South Africa 199 for nine (L. Klusener 52, C. Vaas three for 46, M. Muralitharan three for 25) beat Sri Lanka 110 (J. Kallis three for 26, L. Klusener three for 21).

Leicester: Zimbabwe 252 for nine (A. Flower 68 not out) beat India 249 (S. Ramesh 55, H. Streak three for 36, H. Olunga three for 22). Target revised to 253 off 46 overs due to slow over rate.

May 22, The Oval: South Africa 225 for seven (H. Gibbs 60) beat England 103 (A. Donald four for 17).

Worcester: Zimbabwe 197 for nine (P. Wickramasinghe three for 30) lost to Sri Lanka 198 for six (M. Atapattu 54, G. Whittall three for 35).

May 23, Bristol: India 329 for two (R. Dravid 104 not out, Tendulkar 140 not out) beat Kenya 235 for seven (K. Otieno 56, S. Tikolo 58, D. Mohanty four for 56).

May 25, Nottingham: Zimbabwe 167 for eight lost to England 168 for three (Hussain 57 not out, Thorpe 62).

May 26, Taunton: India 373 for six (S. Ganguly 183, R. Dravid 145, P. Wickramasinghe three for 65) beat Sri Lanka 216 (A. de Silva 56, Robin Singh five for 31).

Amsterdam: Kenya 152 (R. Shah 50, L. Klusener five for 21) lost to South Africa 153 for three.

May 29, Chelmsford: Zimbabwe 233 for six (N. Johnson 76, A. Donald three for 41) beat South Africa 185 (S. Pollock 52, L. Klusener 52 not out, N. Johnson three for 27, H. Streak three for 35).

May 29/30, Edgbaston: India 232 for eight (R. Dravid 53) beat England 169 (S. Ganguly three for 27).

May 30, Southampton: Sri Lanka 275 for eight (A. Ranatunga 50, T. Odoyo three for 56) beat Kenya 230 for six (M. Odumbe 82, A. Vadher 73 not out).

Group 'B':

May 16, Worcester: Scotland 181 for seven (S. Warne three for 39) lost to Australia 182 for four (M. Waugh 67).

Bristol: Pakistan 229 for eight (C. Walsh three for 28, M. Dillon three for 29) beat West Indies 202 (S. Chanderpaul 77, A. Mahmood three for 48, A. Razzaq three for 32).

May 17, Chelmsford: Bangladesh 116 (G. Allott three for 30, C. Cairns three for 19, G. Larsen three for 19) lost to New Zealand 117 for four.

May 20, Chester-le-Street: Pakistan 261 for six (Y. Youhana 81) beat Scotland 167 (G. Hamilton 76, W. Akram three for 23, S. Akhtar 3-11, A. Razzaq three for 38).

Cardiff: Australia 213 for eight (D. Lehmann 76, G. Allott four for 37) lost to New Zealand 214 for five (R. Twose 80 not out, C. Cairns 60).

May 21, Dublin: Bangladesh 182 (Mehrab Hossain 64, C. Walsh four for 25, R. King three for 30) lost to West Indies 183 for three (R. Jacobs 51, J. Adams 53 not out).

May 23, Headingley: Pakistan 275 for eight (A. Razzaq 60, Inzamam-ul-Haq 81) beat Australia 265 (M. Bevan 61, W. Akram four for 40, Saqlain Mushtaq three for 51).

May 24, Southampton: New Zealand 156 (M. Dillon four for 46) lost to West Indies 158 for three (R. Jacobs 80 not out).

May 27, Chester-le-Street: Bangladesh 178 for seven (Minhazul Abedin 53 not out, T. Moody three for 25) lost to Australia 181 for three (A. Gilchrist 63, T. Moody 56 not out).

Leicester: Scotland 68, (C. Walsh three for seven) lost to West Indies 70 for two.

May 28, Derby: Pakistan 269 for eight (Ijaz Ahmed 51, Inzamam-ul-Haq 73 not out, G. Allott four for 64) beat New Zealand 207 for seven (S. Fleming 69, A. Mahmood three for 38).

May 31, Manchester: West Indies 110 (R. Jacobs 49 not out, G. McGrath five for 14, S. Warne three for 11) lost to Australia 111 for four (C. Ambrose three for 31).

May 31, Edinburgh: Scotland 121 (C. Harris four for seven, G. Allott three for 15) lost to New Zealand 123 for four (R. Twose 54 not out).

Northampton: Bangladesh 223 for nine (Akram Khan 42 not out, Saqlain Mushtaq five for 35) beat Pakistan 161 (K. Mahmud three for 31) .

The Points Table as on 31.5.1999:

Group A

	P	W	L	Pts.	Net/Rr.
South Africa	5	4	1	8	+0.859
India	5	3	2	6	+1.285
Zimbabwe	5	3	2	6	+0.017
England	5	3	2	6	- 0.331
Sri Lanka	5	2	3	4	- 0.817
Kenya	5	-	5	0	- 1,190

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts.	Net/Rr.
Pakistan	5	4	1	8	+0.628
Australia	5	3	2	6	+ 0.731
New Zealand	5	3	2	6	+ 0.575
W. Indies	5	3	2	6	+ 0.497
Bangladesh	5	2	3	4	- 0.523
Scotland	5	-	5	0	-1.939

SUPER SIX:

Teams	Pts.	Net R./r.
Pakistan	4	+ (0.720)
Zimbabwe	4	+ (0.329)
South Africa	2	- (0.350)
New Zealand	2	- (0.404)
India	0	+ (0.031)
Australia	0	- (0.349)

SUPER SIX FIXTURES:

London, June 1: Following are the fixtures of matches in the elite Super Six league of the seventh edition of the World Cup beginning on June 14.

Qualifiers: Group A: 1. South Africa 2. India 3. Zimbabwe.

Group B: 1. Pakistan 2. Australia 3. New Zealand.

June 4: London (The Oval): India Vs. Australia.

June 5: Nottingham (Trent Bridge): South Arica vs. Pakistan.

June 6: Leeds (Headingley): Zimbabwe vs. New Zealand.

June 7: Rest Day.

June 8: Manchester (Old Trafford) India vs. Pakistan.

June 9: London (Lords): Zimbabwe vs. Australia.

June 10: Birmingham (Edgbaston): South Africa vs. New Zealand.

June 11: London (The Oval): Zimbabwe vs. Pakistan.

June 12: Nottingham (Trent Bridge): India Vs. New Zealand.

June 13: Birmingham (Headingley): South Africa Vs. Australia.

SUPER SIX RESULTS:

London, June 14: The following is the summary of second-round Super Six results at the cricket World Cup.

June 4, The Oval: Australia bt India by 77 runs, Australia 282 for five (M. Waugh 83), India 205 (Jadeja 100 not out, McGrath three for 34).

June 5, Trent Bridge: South Africa bt. Pakistan by three wickets. Pakistan 220 for seven (Moin Khan 63), South Africa (Kallis 54, Klusener 46 not out, Azhar Mahmood three for 24).

June 6, Headingley: New Zealand vs Zimbabwe, match abandoned. Zimbabwe 175 (Goodwin 54, Allott three for 24, Cairns three for 24), New Zealand 70 for three.

June 8, Old Trafford; India bt Pakistan by 47 runs. India 227 for six (Dravid 61, Azharuddin 59), Pakistan 180 (Srinath three for 37, Prasad five for 27).

June 9, Lord's: Australia bt Zimbabwe by 44 runs. Australia 303 for four (M. Waugh 104, S. Waugh 62), Zimbabwe 259 for six (Johnson 132 not out, Reiffel three for 55).

June 10, Edgbaston: South Africa bt New Zealand by 74 runs. South Africa 287 for five (Kirsten 82, Gibbs 91, Kallis 53 nout out), New Zealand 213 for eight.

June 11, The Oval: Pakistan bt. Zimbabwe by 148 run. Pakistan 271 for nine (Anwar 103), Zimbabwe 123 (Johnson 54, Razzaq three for 25, Saqlain three for 16).

June 12, Trent Bridge: New Zealand bt India by five wickets. India 251 for six (Jadeja 76), New Zealand 253 for five (Horne 74, Twose 60 not out).

June 13, Headingley: Australia bt South Africa by five wickets. South Africa 271 for seven (Gibbs 101, Cullinan 50, Fleming three for 57), Australia 272 for five (Pointing 69, S.Waugh 120 not out).

TEAM ANALYSIS:

Australia:

Australia won the World Cup for the second time in 12 years. This, after Waugh's team escaped twice from the Jaws of defeat against South Africa (at Leeds and Edgbaston). They made a sluggish start and were embarassed by New Zealand at Cardiff. It was not only a loss of face, but also a loss of two points which the Australians were expected to pick up against Stephen Fleming's team. Then they lost to Pakistan by 10 runs. The Australian captain appeared to be over confident when another defeat would have thrown his side out of the competition. But the Australians matched their words with deeds. They won six and tied one.

Glenn McGrath took five wickets against West Indies and the Australians wee back on the track. They made the most of Mohammad Azharuddin's invitation to bat first and then piled the pressure on the Indians. Mark Waugh was in top batting form

against Zimbabwe at Lord's. And two days later, the Australian captain took command. Steve Waugh's unconquered 120 against South Africa at Leeds won a 'last' match for the Australians. The Semi-finals was tied. In the final, Pakistan won the toss and Australia, the match and the World Cup. Steve Waugh team's made it a no-contest, outplaying Pakistan.

Results: Played 10: Won 7 (Scotland, Bangladesh, West Indies, India, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Pakistan), lost 2 (New Zealand and Pakistan) and tied (S. Africa).

Pakistan:

At the helm was Wasim Akram, Pakistan's top wicket-taker in the Benson & Hedges World Cup in 1992, an outstanding left-hand fast medium bowler with nearly 15 years of experience in international cricket and a Captain who 'probably' knew how to win matches. His record as Captain since January 1999 had been fantastic, the Asian Test Championship title and the Pepsi and Coca-Cola Cups under his belt. Moreover, he had a bowling combination that started with himself and followed with Shoaib Akhtar (faster bowler in the world), Azhar Mahmood (an excellent back up seamer), Saqlain Mushtaq (best off-spinner in the World).

Pakistan defeated West Indies, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and was slotted into the super six straightway. It lost to Bangladesh at Northampton. Pakistan lost its rhythm and matches to South Africa and India in the Super six before entering the semi-final with a fluent win over Zimbabwe. Akhtar's explosive bowling knocked out New Zealand in the semis. But in the final Pakistan simply lacked ideas and where withal to match Steve Waugh's tactics, the match actually lasting just 59.1 over. Pakistan demonstrated once again it can be as commonplace as one can find.

Result: Played 10: Won 6 (W. Indies, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand (2-League & Semi-Final) and Zimbabwe, lost 4 (Bangladesh, South Africa, India & Australia (final)).

South Africa:

The only team that had the capacity to challenge Australia. Hansie Cronje, the captain of the most successful team in limited over cricket in the last three years, felt his team was better prepared than ever before. Seven years ago South Africa needed 21 off one ball and four years later it steam rolled five teams on way to the quarter finals where Brian Lara and Roger Harper knocked it out.

This time around Cronje had a terrific around team, among whom were the world's finest fast bowlers in Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock and good back up seemers in Steve Elworthy, Lance Klusener, J. Kallis and the captain himself. The South Africans had solid batting depth, too, their tail starting and ending at No. 11. And, they had two great fielders in Jonty Rhodes and H. Gibbs,. What they lacked was a good spinner.

The preliminary stage went very well for them, though Zimbabwe surprised them at Chelmsford. They became the first team to reach the semi-finals, leaning heavily on Lance Klusene's powerful exhibition of batting. They were poised to eliminate Australia first at the Super Six stage and then in the semi-final, but lost both matches to Steve Waugh's team after playing two of the greatest one day internationations.

Results: Played 9, won 6 (India, Kenya, England Sri Lanka, Pakistan, New Zealand) lost 3 (Zimbabwe, Australia (2), Super Six and Semi finals).

New Zealand:

Captain Stephen Fleming and Australian coach Steve Rixon believed their team had the potential to reach the last four, their confidence stemming from the good performances in the home series against India and South Africa.

At Cardiff, the kiwis scored a convincing win against Australia, the leading players in this match being lefthand seamer Geoff Allott, Roger Twose and Chris Cairns. The Australians tried their best to keep the kiwis out of the super six, but Fleming's side proved too smart against Scotland in the last match at Edinburgh. They batted well to keep the West Indies out of the fray.

The rained-off match in the super six against Zimbabwe gave them the advantage. They clinched the semi-final berth defeating India after playing a poor match against South Africa. But Pakistan's fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar beat them for pace in the first semi-final at old Trafford.

Results: Played 9, won 4 (Bangladesh, Australia, Scotland, India) lost 4 (West Indies, South Africa, Pakistan (2), League and Semi-finals), No result 1 (Zimbabwe).

Zimbabwe:

A team brimming with confidence, Zimbabwe was not in anyone's calculation as a super six candidate. South Africa, England and India were teams in Group 'A' that were expected to make the grade. Zimbabwe had won just three matches in six previous world cups.

But one could not have ignored the Zimbabweans after they defeated India. This was the first biggest upset of the World Cup. All rounder Neil Johnson managed to sustain Zimbabwe's momentum

with a brilliant display of batting and bowling against South Africa. Zimbabwe qualified for the super six, which upset England's plans.

After playing the Group 'A' matches so well, the Zimbabweans were lucky to get a point from the 'no result' match against New Zealand, but were outclassed by Australia and Pakistan in the second and third super six matches. Johnson's unbeaten century against Australia at Lord's was the only bright spot in the spot in the super six.

Results: Played 8, Won 3 (Kenya, India, South Africa); Lost 4, (England, Sri Lanka, Australia, Pakistan); No result 1 (New Zealand).

India

The team evoked awe because there were three good batsmen in the side- Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly and two new bowlers of the calibre of Javagal Srinath and Venaktesh Prasad. Mohammad Azharuddin was the captain of the team that failed to reach the semi-final in 1992 and flopped against Sri Lanka in 1996. Still, the Indian selectors made him the captain.

The defeat against Zimbabwe is being used singled out by most, including the captain and some senior players, as the reason for not making it to be the semi-final. Without they conveniently forget is they could not defend 252 in the very first match against South Africa at Hove. They allowed Jacques kallis to run away with the match. Prasad's five wickets helped India throw England out of the competition.

The captain won the toss against Australia and decided to field, reasoning that conditions were ideal for seam bowler. Azharuddin has been the country's captain for almost 10 years. With

Tendulkar taking over for a brief period in between and should enlighten us as to how many times Srinath and Prasad or even Kapil Deve, Srinath or Manoj Prabhakar or any set of Indian new ball bowlers have bowled out rival teams, using the conditions such as a cloud cover, wind and residual moisture in the pitch. The Indian batsmen- Ganguly, Dravid, and Jadeja were inform, but the captain chose to field. The defeat against Australia eventually turned out to be vital for India's elimination from the semi-finals.

Played: Played 8; Won 4 (kenya, Sri Lanka, England, Pakistan); Lost 4 (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, New Zealand).

England

Alec Stewart and coach David Lloyd carried the hopes of the dwindling England supporters to make the carnival of cricket a truly memorable one for the sport in England. England was the finalist in 1979, 1987 and in 1992, but Stewart was expected to improve upon all this by winning the world cup that was back in the country after 16 years. But the odds were much against it.

England began well, defeating Sri Lanka at Lord's and Kenya at Canterbury. The defeat against South Africa proved to be a slight setback, but a win against Zimbabwe put it backs in the running for a place in the super six.

Six point's was considered good enough to make it to the second stage, but sadly, Stewart's team lost to India as a consequence of which its Net Run Rate (NRR) dropped below Zimbabwe's. Campbell's team had beaten South Africa and ended with a positive NRR. England elimination at the end of the first stage was a big blow to the home supporters.

Results: Played 5; Won 3 (Sri Lanka, Kenya and Zimbabwe); Lost 2 (South Africa, India).

West Indies

Clive Lloyd's West Indians were considered the front runners for the title in 1975, 1979 and 1983. They won it in '75 defeating Australia and in '79 defeating England. The Indians shocked them in '83. They never came close to winning it again between '83 and '96. And this time Brian Lara's team was not even expected to make the Super Six. They got six points, but were edged out by New Zealand on a superior NRR. Imagine the West Indies, supposed to be a fast scoring team, losing out on NRR.

The West Indies lost to Pakistan in the first match. The team's together accounted for 74 extras. If the West Indies had won this match there might have been a different story, but they lost and in spite of making a recovery (winning against Scotland, Bangladesh and New Zealand) did not qualify for the Super Six. They saw Glenn McGrath came up with one of his better spells in the World Cup and ruin their chances at Leeds.

Results: Played 5; Won 3 (Scotland, Bangladesh, New Zealand); Lost 2 (Pakistan, Australia).

Sri Lanka:

The Sri Lankan's were the defending champions all right, but no one backed Arjuna Ranatunga's team to retain the title. The Sri Lankan's had won the Emirates Cup Triangular (England, South Africa and Sri Lanka) in 1998, but their form leading to the World Cup had diminished even the confidence of Ranatunga.

They lost to England in the first match at Lord's, to South Africa at Northampton and to India at Taunton. Three successive

defeats meant that they were closer to making an early exit, which is what happened in spite of their wins against Zimbabwe and Kenya. They finished the preliminary stage, fourth, one slot above Kenya in Group 'A'. The inability of opening batsman Jayasuriya to get into his natural flow and the poor form of Arinda DeSilva were major factors that put the Sri Lankans under tremendous pressure.

Results: Played 5; won 2 (Zimbabwe, Kenya); lost 3 (England, South Africa, India).

Kenya:

The African nation, accorded one day international status by the I.C.C. last year, made news when it defeated the West Indies in Pune, three years ago. The Kenyans have, over the years, been coached by many cricketers, at the time of the World Cup they were coached by former West Indies Test batsmen, Alvin Kallicharan, Kenya's Captain Asif Karim was quite vocal before every match saying his team was capable of defeating any team in the world.

Kenya did well enough to make an impression, with Kennedy Otieno and Ravindu Shah's first wicket stand against South Africa being the high point. Steve Tikolo, confirmed his stature as a top class batsman and Thomas Odoyo demonstrated his allround ability, hitting big shots and taking wickets.

Results: Played 5; lost 5 (Zimbabwe, India, South Africa, England and Sri Lanka).

Bangladesh:

The Bangladesh qualified for the World Cup by winning the ICC trophy defeating Kenya in the final in Kuala Lumpur. The team was expected to win at least its match against Scotland, a first timer in the World Cup.

Bangladesh's performance in the tri-series at home featuring Zimbabwe, Kenya and itself was not satisfactory. They lost the four league matches and failed to make the final. The only happy news was Mehrab Hussain becoming to score a century in limited overs internationals. But after defeating Scotland, Bangladesh produced a surprise result, getting the better of Pakistan in the last match of the preliminary stage. Bangladesh celebrated a great win.

Results: Played 5; Won 2 (Scotland, Pakistan); Lost 3 (West Indies, New Zealand and Australia).

Scotland:

The only famous name in the Scotland team was Graham Dilley, former fast bowler of England. Dilley was Scotland's coach. Scotland came through the ICC qualifiers and was generally seen as a team that would finish at the bottom of Group 'B'.

Scotland surprised many by batting its full quota of 50 overs against Australia. Gavin Hamilton, who might play for England in the years to come, made a good impression while making 34 against Australia, 76 against Pakistan, 63 against Bangladesh and 24 not out against the West Indies.

Results: Played 5; Lost 5 (Australia, Bangladesh, West Indies, Pakistan and New Zealand).

TOPS BATSMEN:

Batsmen	Matches	Highest	Runs	Avg.	100	50
Rahul Dravid (Ind.)	8	145	461	65.8	2	3
Steve Waugh (Aus.)	10	120*	398	79.6	1	2
Saurav Ganguly (Ind.)	7	183	379	54.1	1	1
Mark Waugh (Aus.)	10	104	375	41.6	1	2
Saeed Anwar (Pak.)	10	113*	368	40.8	2	-

Neil Johnson (Zim.)	8	132*	367	52.43	1	3
Ricky Pointing (Aus.)	10	69	354	39.3	-	1
Herschella Gibbs (SA)	9	101	341	37.8	1	2
Roger Twose (NZ)	9	80*	318	79.5	-	3
Jacques kallis (SA)	8	96	312	52.0	-	4
Ajay Jadeja (Ind.)	8	100*	285	47.5	1	1
Lance Klusener (SA)	9	52*	281	140.5	-	2

TOP BOWLERS:

Bowlers	Matches	Bowling	Runs	Wicket	Best
Geoff Allott (NZ.)	9	526	325	20	4/37
Shane Warne (Aus.)	10	566	361	20	4/29
Glenn McGrath (Aus.)	10	574	367	18	5/14
Klusener (SA)	9	455	350	17	5/21
Saqlain Mushtaq (Pak.)	10	502	379	17	5/35
Allan Donald (SA)	9	492	325	16	4/17
Shoaib Akhtar (Pak.)	10	485	392	16	3/11
Wasim Akram (Pak.)	10	544	342	15	4/40
Fleming (Aus.)	10	528	362	14	3/57
Azhar Mahmood (Pak.)	9	462	348	13	3/24
Abdul Razzaq (Pak.)	10	504	302	13	3/25
Neil Jhonson (Zim.)	8	300	233	12	4/42

Bowlers with Five-Wickets Haul:

5/14	McGrath	Aus. Vs. WI	Manchester	30.5.99
5/21	Klusener	SA Vs. Ken.	Amsterdam	26.5.99
5/27	Prasad	Ind. Vs. Pak.	Manchester	8.6.99
5/31	Robin Singh	Ind. Vs. Lanka	Taunton	26.5.99
5/35	Saqlain	Pak. Vs. Bang.	Northampton	31.5.99
5/36	Pollock	SA Vs. Aus	Birmingham	17.6.99

Highest Individual Scores:

183	Ganguly	Ind. Vs. Lanka	Taunton	26.5.99
145	Dravid	Ind. Vs. Lanka	Taunton	26.5.99
140*	Tendulkar	Ind. Vs. Kenya	Bristol	23.5.99
132*	Johnson	Zim. Vs. Aus.	Lord's	9.6.99
120*	S. Waugh	Aus. Vs. SA	Leeds	13.6.99
113*	Anwar	Pak. Vs. NZ.	Manchester	16.6.99

104*	Dravid	Ind. Vs. Ken.	Bristol	23.5.99
104	M. Waugh	Aus. Vs. Zim.	Lords	9.6.99
103	Anwar	Pak. Vs. Ind.	Oval	11.6.99
101	Gibbs	SA Vs. Aus.	Leeds	13.6.99
100*	Jadeja	Ind. Vs. Aus.	Oval	4.6.99

Best Partnership For Each Wicket:

	Runs	Wkt.	For	Vs.	Date
Anwar & .wasti	194	1st	Pak.	NZ.	16.6.99
Ganguly & Dravid	318	2 nd	Ind.	SL.	26.5.99
Dravid & Tendulkar	237*	3 rd	Ind.	Ken.	23.5.99
Ponting & Waugh	126	4 th	Aus.	SA	13.6.99
Twose & Cairns	148	5 th	Nz.	Aus.	20.5.99
Odumbe & Voder	161	6 th	ken.	SL.	30.5.99
Fleming & Harris	83	7 th	Nz.	Pak.	28.5.99
Jayawardena & Vaas	64	8 th	SL.	Ken.	30.5.99
Klusener & Elworthy	44	9 th	SA.	SL.	19.5.99
Klusener & Donald	35	10 th	SA.	Zim.	29.5.99

HIGH AND LOWS OF THE WORLD CUP:

Best Match:

Australia Vs. South Africa semi-final. Not only that, the most dramatic World Cup match ever, and therefore the best in all one-day cricket, as it was balanced on a knife-edge from the moment Shane Warne broke through until the most exciting conceivable finish.

Luckiest Player:

Paul Reiffel who nearly went down in history as the man who lost Australia a place in the final after dropping two catches in the climax at Edgbaston.

Best Short:

Steve Waugh's swept pull-drive for six off Steve Elworthy at Headingly.

Biggest Surprise:

Neil Johnson whose 367 runs and 12 wickets, along with the quicks of the format, pushed Zimbabwe to the verge of the semi-finals.

Best Partnership:

318 by Rahul Dravid and Saurav Ganguly for India's second wicket against Sri Lanka, which showed England how spin should be played, with footwork and driving, not just crase-bound sweeping.

Worst Shot:

Javagal Srinath swing at Henry Olanga when India needed four off eight balls to beat Zimababwe, with Anil Kumble at the other hand.

Best Innings:

Steve Waugh's 120 not out to save Australia and his own neck, when there was no slope for failure. Cricket history does not record a tough's batsman in a crises.

Worst Bowling:

Ajit Agarkar, 9-0-70-1 for India against Zimbabwe, who won by three runs, at Leicester.

Best Catch:

Nayan Mongia, keeping wicket to Kumble against Pakistan at Old Trafford and catching Azhar Mahmood's top-edge two feet off the ground, fingers pointing down. Brilliant, but taken for granted as it was a keeper's catch.

Best Bowling:

Glenn McGrath's deliveries to Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar.

Worst TV Umpiring Decision:

Ken Palmer giving Shaun Pollock out against Sri Lanka at Northampton after the ball had manifestly hit the ground.

Worst Captaincy Decision:

Geogre Salmond making Scotland bat first on a Grace Road greentop against West Indies. 68 all out, match over before lunch.

Best tail-end Hitters:

Moin Khan and Lance Klusener

Worst Runner between Wickets:

Only one winner Inzamam-ul-Haq.

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Part Two

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DATTA (S). Sri Lanka board suspended. Blitz. LIX, 76; 1999, June, 13; 27.

Sri Lanka's cricket board was suspended by a Colombo court this week for the second time in as many months, compounding the humiliation of the national team's early exit from the world cup. Columbo district judge granted the suspension sought by a defeated candidate for the post of President of the Board of Control for Cricket and said the case would be taken up for hearing in September.

2. -----,-----,-----, CAPTAINSHIP, END, AZHARUDDIN.

SARABHAI (R). End of Azhar. Blitz. LIX, 77; 1999, June, 20; 25.

Indian skipper has been the target of severe criticism for his leadership skills and has been held responsible for the team's failures, in the world cup and prior to it. A poor showing in the Asian test championship, the Tri-national series in India and then in Sharjah had put a lot of pressure on the selectors to replace Azhar as the captain. He has been out of form, both in his batting and captaincy. In the world cup, he was surely handicapped with the lack of genuine all rounders, but he did not handle the captaincy well either. When Jadeja or Sachin were the captain's one could see the difference in the approach and attitudes of the players. They keep talking to and encouraging the bowlers and fielders.

3. -----,-----,-----, CARNIVAL, MISMANAGED.

SHAM (SK). Financial Carnival Mismanaged. Blitz. LIX, 72; 1999, May, 16; 27.

World Cup '99, tomtommed by organisers as the "biggest ever cricket carnival", may not quite measure upto the boast as far as financial returns are concerned. But there can be no doubt that performance-wise, the cricket is going to be classy and exciting despite a rather luke-warm home support to the event.

4. -----,-----,-----, CELEBRATIONS, AUDIENCE.

BAHAL (Aniruddha). Study Gallery. Outlook. V, 20; 1999, May, 31; 64.

India's first match at Hove saw a number of celebrates in attendance. Some winners were watching the losers. Among them Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupati. The Indian cricketers, predictably, were not inspired. Perhaps divine intervention might help. Arbaaz Khan, brother of Salman Khan was there too. He was shooting in Scotland and had this trip planned out six month earlier.

5. -----,-----,-----, CHANGE, OUTLOOK.

KAPIL DEV. Time for change. India Today. XXIV, 27; 1999, July, 5; 54.

Cricket is the demand of the new millenium. The home of the cricket has changed, the spectators have changed. In the 60's when some onẽ did some thing brilliant on the field everyone clapped from a far. In the '70s Bishan Bedi changed that and showed his joy by jumping and running towards the fielders. In the '80 everyone rallied

together putting each other on the back. In the '90s players are like footballers, not concealing their joy and desire to win. But today winning is all important. Azharuddin has had a good run as captain of India. But if feel the time has come to find a captain who can show aggression and hold the team together better. It is not because we have lost the world cup but because I genuinely feel that Azhar has lasted his time. We have to change our outlook as today winning has become the name of the game.

6. -----,-----,-----, COUCH, PAKISTAN TEAM.

BAHAL (Aniruddha). Team on the Couch. Outlook. V, 24; 1999, June, 28; 74.

The author says that the Pakistan team has been taking some psychology classes from the new assistant coach, Pybus from South Africa. In sessions with the team, Pybus would ask the players to visualise Akram holding aloft the trophy at Lord's with the rest of the squad cheering. As a result many Pakistani's players now say that all they can dream about is holding that cup.

7. -----,-----,-----, CREDIT, AZHARUDDIN.

JEDDAH (B). Heads I Win Tails you Lose..... Nation and the World. 8, 184; 1999, June, 16; 38.

If India win it is usually Tendulkar, Dravid or Ganguly or even Kumble. Credit is not given to the captain, Azharuddin. He is not mentioned even once. But should India lose Azharuddin is targeted immediately regardless of his contribution. He is an easy scapegoat. This is just not fair and most unjust. When it concerns Tendulkar

everything is positive and all becomes negative when it concerns Azharuddin.

8. -----,-----,-----, CROWD, CHEER, INDIA.

BASU (S). Indian Summer. Sunday. 26, 25; 1999, June, 26; 32-35.

The author states that the crowd cheered India till the last batsman, even when the run rate had climbed to over 15 runs an over. They even cheered every wide, because it meant a point and screamed themselves hoarse as the partnership of Ajay Jadeja and Robin Singh scored brave runs. And even after India lost, the fans went home singing all the way.

9. -----,-----,-----, DISQUALITY, SEMI FINAL, INDIA.

DATTA (S). End of Road. Blitz. LIX, 76; 1999, June, 13; 25.

The author states that Azhar's 15-man army realised the import of the words the moment they set foot outside London's Heathrow airport. The thousands of tri-colour-waving painted faces of fanatics in stadia across England echoed the sentiments of millions back home. Only the reverberation was earshatteringly higher in decibel. Although India didn't have much to rejoice in the cup. But irony had another scrip ready for the Indians, when they failed to qualify for the semis. India's loos against Zimbabwe was crucial. They had no business losing that match. They should have remembered that points are carried over (to the next stage). Indian captain was absolute blunder to choose to bowl against Australia. There was, furthermore, an unnecessary shuffling of the batting order.

10. -----,-----,-----, ENGLAND, WELCOMES, AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

BIPIN DANI. Brit-Kick: SA Cricketers sent home. Blitz. LIX, 73; 1999, May, 23;26.

The South African team has been welcomed with open arms in England as world cup favourites, but Cape town based bowler Roger Telemachus and Soweto's batsman Geoffrey Toyana found English hospitality not quite as inviting. The two leading South Africa cricketers though not in the world cup team were sent out of England for not having work permits to take up club contracts there.

11. -----,-----,-----, ERRATIC-GENIUSES, INDIA.

SUJIT KUMAR. Erratic Genuises. Week. 17;27; 1999, June, 20; 70.

The Indians displayed more errors than sparks in the super six stage. Even the batting had failed at times. For instance, the top order slumped against Australia in the super six match at the oval. Even Sachin did not click in this tournament. He got that hundred against Kenya but others also would have scored against Kenya. India's lower order batting has been another worry. While South Africa and Pakistan have players coming in at seven or eight and making valuable contribution India has no such players. Srinath, Kumble and Ajit Agarkar failed with the bat while Nikhil Chopra played only one match. The streak of fatalistic thinking in the Indian players, including skipper Azharuddin (right, in action against Pakistan), has been a major flaw.

12. -----,-----,-----, EXPTECTATION, NEW ZEALAND.

CROWE (Martin). Pack Hunters. Outlook. V, 17; 1999, May, 10; 58.

It's a side without super star. In '92 they showed what team play and tactics can achieve. Now, they're back as the prawl. New Zealand will be hoping to exploit the other team's inconsistencies. While Natham Astle is an excellent opener, the line of Stephe Fleming, Craig Mc Millan, Chris Cairns, Harris, Adam Parore and Nash is useful indeed. My strategy to winning world cup matches is based on containment. Harris and Larsen are economical one-day bowler.

13. -----,-----,-----, -----, PAKISTAN.

JAISHANKAR (Vedam). Kiwi hopes rest on Pak. Inconsistency. Indian Express. LXVIII, 219; 1999, June, 16;19.

Pakistan, purely by the injury to Youhana, seem to have finally got their best line-up in place. Shahid Afridi, so pathetic in English conditions as an opener, is now a lethal weapon batting at number six and seven. So much so that if he and Moin Khan strike a major partnership it would be one of the most demoralising period for any bowling attack. If the Pakistan batting gets going, they will be unstoppable. Their bowling with Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Azhar Mahmood, Abdul Razzaq, Saqlain Mushtaq and Afridi, is easily the best in the tournament. It has unmatched class and variety. New Zealand doe not have the same sort of individual talent. But in Geoff Allot they have the most potent fast bowler. He has been consistently clocked at 91 miles per hour, just four shot of Akhtar's fastest ball in the tournament.

14. -----,-----,-----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA.

RAMANI (BVL). South Africa the Favourites. Cricket Samrat. 2,7; 1999, July; 10.

South Africa are the favourites to win the World cup. They will win because they are formidable and play with team spirit. They play as a whole team and unlike India do not depend on one man to deliver the goods. As far as India are concerned they bank heavily on the process of master batsman Sachin Tendulkar to win any tournament. Whereas teams like South Africa, Australia and Pakistan play collectively with contribution coming from every one.

15. SAPRE (Suhas). South Africa Favourites. Cricket Samrat. 2; 6; 1999, June, 7.

The author feels that South Africa were all set to win this summer's World cup. They look very formidable, convincing and confident. They were playing like champions. If there is any other team after South Africa, it is none but Australia. West Indies and Pakistan have regained their confidence in the last few months. England, Sri Lanka, India, Zimbabwe and New Zealand do not look that confident.

16. -----,-----,-----, EXUBERANCE, JADEJA (Ajay).

WARRIER (NKS). Jadeja's Exuberance. India Today, XXIV, 19; 1999, May, 10;8.

Ajay Jadeja is any day a better bet for leading the side for the forthcoming world cup 99. His string of victories stand testimony to his ability to motivate the players. Azharuddin's days of glory are clearly over. He has run out of both personal form and ideas to

rejuvenate the Indians. His "Power of Silence" isn't effective at all. Rather, he has closed all avenues of communication with his teammates - with disastrous results. Azharuddin's body language and his casual approach at Sharjah is indicative of his inability to lead. He should resign gracefully.

17. -----,-----,-----, FAILED, INDIA.

RAJAN BALA. India failed when it came to the crunch. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 13-14.

The main theme of this article is that India's three memorable wins only emphasised what the squad was capable of achieving. But when it came to the crunch, India were found wanting. There were really two crunch matches, one against Zimbabwe in the league phase and the other against Australia in the super six stage. Against South Africa, in the opening league tie, India should have won, but they allowed themselves to be restricted in the final 10 overs. This is a weakness which has to be addressed. In the absence of an overall game plan was evident. It was clear from the game that India's strength was in batting. But the team's management seemed to be in perpetual doubt about the right final playing combination. The 'dark horse', it seemed, never left the Paddock !

18. -----,-----,-----, FAN, CRUEL.

BISWAS (Prabir), Even fans can be cruel. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 2; 1999, June, 78.

The author states that a security man knocks an unidentified man to the ground watched by India's Anil Kumble. South Africa's Jonty Rhodes intervened to help Rahul Dravid. The unidentified man

rushed at Dravid and threatened him after India lost to South Africa at Home. Although the Indians gave a tough fight to the Proteas in both bowling and batting, the latter won by six wickets. Poor scoring rate by India in the crunch over while lusty hitting by Jonty Rhodes and Lance Klusener at the end of the South African innings took the match away from India.

19. -----,-----,----- FINAL, EXPECTATION.

KAPIL DEV. Real Final. India Today. XXIV, 24; 1999, June, 14; 78.

It is amazing what a win can do. As for the game itself, there is no doubt that it is going to be the equivalent of a final for both teams. India's play one must believe that at the end of the day they have the ability, strength and experience to overcome any side.

20. -----,-----,-----, GAMES, CAREFUL, ENGLAND.

Mc CLELLAND (Mark). On your mark for pitched battles. Week. 17,9; 1999, Feb, 14; 43.

In England, teams should be careful in the first 15 overs because the ball will seam more. Don't be frustrated if the scoreboard doesn't move fast. Preserve your wickets, you don't want to be three or four down and not be able to accelerate in the last 35 overs. This is the reverse of the last world cup in the sub continent, where the first 15 overs were called the initial slog overs. There won't be too much variation in grounds, because England isn't a big country. The weather is similar everywhere. I would advise the Indian team to bring thermals along because it could be colder than they're used to.

21. -----,-----,-----, -----, HEALTHY.

JONES (D). Total Cricket. Outlook. 5, 18; 1999, May, 17; 82.

The main theme of this article is that in a world cup that'll be win or loss in the field, the proteas are strong contenders. But the Aussies are almost as brilliant. In the field, the Aussies are almost as good as the South Africans. Only nine of the 12 participating teams will realistically speaking-be in the running for the super six. Bangladesh, Scotland and Kenya are unlikely to pose any threat to the serious contenders. South Africa will qualify because they have a very good bowling and batting. Among the other contenders, England should perform well on home soil. But, India will rise to the occasion with Tendulkar boosting the ranks. So, the teams that go through from Group A are South Africa, England and India. of the teams in Group B the Windies, Pakistan have been brilliant recently and should qualify. New Zealand lack strength in all departments and won't be much of a problem.

22. -----,-----,-----, -----, IMPRESSIVE, AZHARUDDIN.

GAEKWAD (Anshuman). Return of Faith. India Today. XXIV, 25; 1999, June, 21;60.

The author had expected that Mohammad Azharuddin was batting well and a good score was round the corner. He not only batted well, he captained impressively too, perhaps the best he is done in the world cup. He suggesting that Sachin Tendulkar or Ajay Jadeja, slow bowlers who might have done well on a wicket where the ball was not coming on to the bat. He was on the field and did not use them. Instead he managed the other bowlers well, rotating

them and changing their ends. Indian have won three good matches (England, Sri Lanka & Pakistan) but India still could be out.

23. -----,-----,-----, HYPE AND HYSTERIA.

DASGUPTA (I). Hype and Hysteria. Sunday. 26;22; 1999, May, 30-5; 4.

Most of the companies in India have climbed on to the world cup bandwagon in an effort to promote their products. People are drinking up gallons of soft drinks and munching their way through packets of biscuits just to get that elusive chance to go to England to watch the world cup. Cricket now seems to be only a game that attracts sponsors and big money. World Cup '99 has put up an unprecedented feast of cricket and entertainment. Even the Lord's that has hosted generations of world cup, is now ready with its futuristic media gallery to ensure that the cricket carnival reaches an audience of two billion living in over 120 countries. Whether the Indian team repeats its feat of 1983 or not is now secondary, what matters is that it will provide at least a pleasant diversion from the current political pathos in the country.

24. -----,-----,-----, INDIA, AGAINST PAKISTAN.

CLIFTON (Tony). Big pitch for peace. Newsweek. XXXIII, 24; 1999, June, 14; 35.

The author expresses his views about the June 8 showdown at Manchester's old Trafford ground is expected to be one of the decisive games of this year's world cup. Pakistan and India have two of the world's best teams and millions of its most maniacal fans. Pakistan has been in top form. Indians and Pakistanis had barely

begun watching their team's first cup matches last month when the two countries unceremoniously squared off at the brink of full scale war in Kashmir. Both teams are more than prepared to defend their national honour. India's batting lineup is led by the best and highest paid batsmen in the world, Sachin Tendulkar nicknamed " the master blaster". They will be facing Pakistan's unrivaled bowling side, spearheaded by the world's fastest bowler, Shoaib Akhtar, who delivers the ball at roughly 100 miles an hour.

25. BRIJNATH (Rohit). Titanic Clash. India Today. XXIV, 24; 1999, June, 14; 74.

The author had expected that Pakistan's face off against India on 7th June at old Trafford in Manchester might find that the Indian team has changed too. Improbably flush with character. It could be fleeting this sudden harmony. This handness that has settled in their souls but an aberration. However, their body language promises this much: there will be no tears for Pakistan.

26. -----,-----,-----,-----, CROWD, BEHAVIOUR.

LUTHRA (Vikas), Carnival time for expatriate Indians. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July; 25.

It was carnival time for expatriate Indians who by themselves almost filled up the stands at the 6,000 capacity Sussex country club ground to cheer the Indian team in their opening match against South Africa. With their face painted in tri-colour, the exotically attired NRI fans lent a full-throated support to their home team and greeted the exploits of the Indian batsmen with a defeating symphony of traditional Indian musical instruments like 'dhal'

(drums). Group of Indian supporters were spotted wearing green, saffron and white-coloured Gandhi caps forming a giant national flag that kept bobbing up and down in excitement as Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid played delightful shots. Hove, on the English South coast, where great players like Imran Khan, John Snow and Tony Greig once regaled the spectators, was a perfect venue for India to launch their world cup campaign.

27. -----,-----,-----, -----, DOWN-ORDER.

KAPIL DEV. Down the order. India Today. XXIV, 1999, April, 5; 57.

The author express his views about Sachin Tendulkar being sent in at no. 4 in the world cup. The reason is crystal clear. In the heavy, over cast conditions of the early summer in England, where the ball is continuously seaming, India just can't afford to lose Tendulkar early. The team would be demolarised. Sadagopan Ramesh, an opener who is solid yet fluent and most importantly a batsman in form. Jadeja is a fine no. 6, a good runner, a fine stealer of singles and a player who has the temperament for the end overs. So Ramesh could open with Saurav Ganguly, and though a right-left combination might give bowlers some trouble with their line. After the openers comes Rahul Dravid, the team's anchor, and there's no debate that he must play every match. Then Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin.

28. -----,-----,-----, -----, GOVERNMENT - AWARDS.

MOHAN (R). Govt. Cash Awards. Pioneer. 9, 143; 1999, May, 25; II.

The author says that the govt. announced a cash award of 7.5 lakh to every member of the Indian cricket team if they win the world

cup. Sports Minister Uma Bharti made this announcement in keeping with the Prime Minister's policy of boosting the morale of Indian sports persons in international events. Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee had amended the scheme's special award to winner in international sports events and coaches.

29. -----,-----,-----, LOSERS, MARKETING, WHIZZ-KIDS.

MOHAN (R). Losers were the marketing whizz-kids. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 10-12.

The seventh world cup had a lot more good cricket than a couple of previous editions put together. For India and their skipper by default, Azharuddin, one more world cup dream was shattered and the men who lost the most were the whizzkid marketing types who bled the cup for beyond its worth.

30. -----, -----, -----, LOST, FINAL, PAKISTAN.

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Pakistan fan angry. Sporstar. 22, 27; 1999, July, 3; 17.

Shocked and angry Pakistani cricket fan branded their team "traitors" and "match-fixers" and said Wasim Akram's men should be sent to Kargil to fight the Indian army as 'punishment' after their humiliating defeat to Australia in the world cup final. With the final report on the betting and match-fixing allegations involving Akram and three senior players expected soon, a majority of fans alleged the Pakistani team lost due to its "involvement in betting".

31. BOYCOTT (G). Old failing haunt Pakistan. Hindustan Times, LXXV, 169; 1999, June, 22; 21.

The author expected that Pakistan's old failings came back to haunt them. Throughout this world cup the Pakistan bowling attack has been the envy of every team. Five quality bowlers and a varied type of attack was a joy to watch but it is not much use if the batsman can't make run. McGrath and Reiffel bowled an excellent disciplined line outside off stump while Warne again mesmerized the batsmen with his wrist spin.

32. RICHARDS (B). What a pity, the final was a poor contest. Indian Express, LXVII, 226; 1999, June, 23; 15.

The author discusses that Pakistan were out muscled by an Australian side hardened by a tough road to the final. Wasim must have second thought when he won the toss. He marked to bat first because the Pakistanis are reluctant to chare, but the over cast conditions were helpful for the quickies. Glenn Mc Graths did not let Steve Waugh down and his opening Salvo was as good as anything seen in the tournament so far. It set the tone for the pressure the other Australian bowlers exerted on the Pakistan batsman.

33.SHUKKLA (Ashish). The Burden of Wasim Akram. Cricket Samrat, 2,8; 1999, August; 98-99.

The second team of the '99 world cup, Pakistan were facing a horrowing time on their return to home after that crushing defeat at Lord's against Australia. Most of the members have been greeted with abuses, rotten eggs and tomatoes. Player's homes and family have also been similarly under attack. The homes were stoned and

slogans chanted accusing the players of the being 'match-fixers and traitors' rented the air for days at end. Newspapers have added confusion to this chaos by announcing eight top players, including Akram, Saqlain, Waqar and Malik announcing their retirement from top flight cricket. Since then Akram had denied any truth in such reports and vowed to continue playing for Pakistan, if selected.

34. -----,-----,-----, -----, INDIA.

WADHWANEY (KR). Lost Indians. Nations and the World. 8, 186; 1999, July, 16; 30-31.

Expectations were quite high from the Indian cricket team before it departed for London. It was, however, their not-so good performance that led to their crash. India's campaign in the world cup shows more down than ups in relation to other leading sides. Of eight matches, Indian won four and lost as many. In preliminary round, they lost to South Africa and Zimbabwe and won against Kenya, Sri Lanka and England. In super six, they lost to Australia, defeated Pakistan and then went down to New Zealand.

35. -----,-----,-----, MATCH-REFEREE, VENKATRAGHAVAN (S).

BIPIN DANI. Venkat wants to be match referee. Blitz. LIX, 74; 1999, May, 30; 38.

Former Indian captain and international cricket council panel umpire S. Venkatraghavan wants to become ICC match referee, according to high-level sources in the Board of Control for Cricket in India. "Venkat had expressed his desire about two-three months back and had requested board officials to nominate him as match India's referee. However, the Board is believed to have told him to

continue with umpiring since frequent assignment as referee is not guaranteed”.

36. -----,-----,-----, MERCURIAL - BOYS.

Rameez Raja. Mercurial Boys. Outlook. 5, 18; 1999, May, 17; 80.

The main theme of this article is that the unpredictable Pakistanis can sail through on sheer talent. They will have to peak nicely again as they did in '92 and play. The big games with steely temperament and a big heart. The batting looks reasonably balanced and experienced. Anwar is a class act and along with Ijaz and Inzamam can steady the innings. The inconsistency factor that hounded the team like a bad dream has been minimised. This team looks focused and hungry for success. Shoaib Akhtar is like an erupting volcano, and awe-inspiring sight he has given the team an edge in bowling. Azhar Mahmood has developed into a wicket taking bowler in one-day cricket and Afridi is as lively as the calypso band.

37-----,-----,-----, PERFORMANCE,AUSTRALIA, McGRATH (G).

VISWANATH (G). McGrath helps Australia enter Super Six phase. Hindu. 122, 131; 1999, June, 1; 18.

Australia appearance in the Super Six, which was so magnificently fashioned by Glen McGrath in the first session of the day. In perhaps what was deemed as a parting kick to the world cup, the tall and gangling Ambrose ventured to make it momentous, but he simply could not match McGrath's quest for a greater deed. Australia first Super Six tie will be against India at the Oval.

38. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, McGRATH (G) and WAUGH (M).

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Exuding real class. Sportstar. 22, 25; 1999, June, 19; 41.

The author expresses his views about the performance of Glenn McGrath and Mark Waugh as Australia taught India a few lessons at the Oval. It was as if they were trying to match each other. Both big stage performers and both proven champion against all big oppositions. McGrath and Mark Waugh were the pride of their team and the toast of all those cricket fans who enjoy class exhibitions, this one, in the key super six match of the world cup, was simply outstanding.

39. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, WARNE (Shane).

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). His name spells magic. Sportstar. 22, 26; 1999, June, 26; 16.

The author appreciates Sharne Warne perfect spinner, with all the guiles to fox the batsman. The majestic performance at Edgbaston helped Australia to make the world cup final for the fourth time but importantly it made the critics sit up and take notice of Warne's attacking bowling. For a leg spinner to adopt such tactics in a limited overs contest was quite strange. Warne's had a poor run early in this world cup. But his confidence never took a beating. As he tossed one batsman after another out of the reckoning, Warne steeled himself into performing some greater deeds. He seemed to have reserved his best for the big occasions, really. He claimed four wickets for a mere 29 runs, 15 of them coming in his final over, Warne took one more step forward to

enhancing his reputation. It has been a saga of toil and sacrifices and Warnie deserves all the praise, the Man of the Match being a small consolation for his gigantic effort.

40. SHUKLA (Ashish). Warne for best of three finals. Cricket Samrat, 2,8; 1999, August, 70.

The author writes that Australian leg-spinner Sharne Warne suggested best of three finals to judge the world champions. He had gone through the practical side of the format as they world series cup played annually in Australia stages the final over three matches.

41. BIPIN DANI. Facing Warne seams Easier. Blitz, LIX, 77; 1999, June, 20; 25.

The author expected that spin bowling seemed to have been generally ineffective in this world cup, the pitches and cold weather being partly to blame and in Sharne Warner's case, there seems to be a genuine flaw. Warne's seam now revolves more towards third man than cover point, clear evidence that his shoulder problem is seriously restricting his flexibility.

42. VIJAYAKAR (Pradeep). Shane Warne got us through: S. Waugh. Times of India, CLXII, 145; 1999, June, 19; 19.

Steve Waugh really dug deep and never gave up and that made the difference. They (South Africans) gave it all but were a just bit unlucky. Fortunately for us, we just held our nerves in the end. South Africa had to settle for a tie after being poised for

victory. With the teams tied at 213 and with just two balls to go, Allan Donald, who was able to react was run out.

43. -----,-----,-----,-----, -----, WAUGH (Steve).

LUTHRA (Vikas). Australia make a great escape. Cricket World. 4, 2; 1999, August, 41.

The author had expected that skipper Steve Waugh hit a magnificent unbeaten century to power Australia to a five wicket win over South Africa with just two balls to spare in a dramatic last world cup super six tie, launching his team into the semifinals and throwing Zimbabwe out of competition.

44. -----,-----,-----,-----, -----, WAUGH (Mark) and ZIMBABWE, JOHNSON (Neil).

VISWANATH (G). Two fine hundreds at Lords. Sportstar. 22,25; 1999, June, 19; 18.

This article gives the information about Mark Waugh and Neil Johnson, how they excelled at Lord's. Australia won the match only because it made the third highest score of the seventh world cup and Zimbabwe lost only because it was chasing a formidable target which only Johnson felt could be overhauled on a flat track. Mark, younger to Steve, went on to notch his 12th century in 188 matches, while Steve went berserk, sweeping and pulling to the stands and roof top. The third wicket stand put up 152 runs, the partnership between the Waugh's being 125. Steve had come in bat replacing Darren Lehmann, who had hurt his bottom hand while defending Olonga. Johnson has been central to Zimbabwe's campaign in the world cup. The very fact that Zimbabwe were playing at Lord's for

the first time, inspired him to change the afternoon session from a likely mundane one to an exhilarating experience. Johnson remained undefeated on 132 at the end of Zimbabwe's 50th over.

45. -----,-----,-----, -----, BANGLADESH, ABEDIN, (Minhajul).

DINAKAR (S). Senior pulls his weight. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June, 5; 28.

This articles deals with Minhajul Abedin walked into the middle against the Scots at Edingburg, Bangladesh was tottering at 24 for four. Abedin knew the significance of the match. One of the senior players in the side at 34, he has been a part of several Bangladesh campaigns in the nation's rather short cricket history. A compact middle-order batsmen, who has often come to the rescue of his team, Abedin is a popular cricketer in Dhaka. When Scotland batted, Abedin, who can also turn his arm around usefully, trapped stagner leg-before to cap a fine performance. At the end of it all, Bangladesh won a gripping contest, after the talented Gavin Hamilton had threatened to spoil the party.

46. -----,-----, -----, -----, BANGLADESH, KHALID MAHMUD.

DINAKAR (S). His greatest moment. Sportstar. 22,24; 1999, June, 12; 20.

This articles deals with Khalid Mahmud having dreamt of a day when Bangladesh would triumph over Pakistan in a world cup match. Indeed, the unglamorous man was the Man of the Match in Bangladesh's biggest moment yet in cricket. It was his spell that

made the early dents in the Pakistan batting, and gave his teammates the belief that they could actually pull it off. Opening the bowling, Mahmud first had Shahid Afridi caught by Mehrab, took the key wicket of Inzamam-ul-Haq, trapping him leg-before and then dismissed the experienced Salim Malik in a similar fashion. Mahmood is the kind of bowler who makes the ball skid on to the batsmen, and can be quite slippery on pitches with variable bounce. Even in Khaled Mahmud does not play another match for his country, he has found a place in Bangladesh's cricket history.

47. -----,-----,-----, -----, ENGLAND, GOUGH (Darren).

VISWANATH (G). Hundred Wickets for Gough. Sportstar. 22,22; 1999, May, 29; 27.

The author had expected that Darren Gough had crossed a milestone and joined Ian Botham and Phil De Freitas, as the England bowlers with hundred or more wickets in limited overs internationals. In 60 LOIs before the match against Sri Lanka, the England fast bowler had 97 against his name at a good avg. of 24.61, with two five wicket hauls. At the Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, he bowled ten overs for a return of four for 34. Gough is genuinely fast, swings the ball ways and is capable of getting lift off a good length. The other 100 plus wicket taker for England are: Ian Botham (145) and Phil DeFretias (45).

48.SHAM (SK). Gough's homely remedy. Blitz. LIX, 73; 1999, May, 23; 48.

The main theme of this article is that the Darren Gough was reaping the rewards of family life as England take advantage of their

role as host country to give this world cup squad every opportunity to enjoy home comforts. The Yorkshire fast bowler raced back from England's victory over Kenya at Canterbury, driven by physiotherapist Wayne Morton, to ensure he could enjoy a deserved day off with wife Anna Marie and young sons Liam and Brennan.

49. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, MULLALY (Allan).

VISWANATH (G). Potent left-armed. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 57.

Allan Mullaly was the left hand seamer who gave variety and most vital potency to England's attack. He played the important role in England's eight wicket win against Sri Lanka at Lord's. Allan Mullaly 4-37 was the best by an English bowler in an opening match of the world cup. He had helped them win the country championship in 1996 and 1998. At present he is also a star English bowler.

50. CORBETT (Ted). Making Waves. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June, 5, 23.

In the last two years Alan Mullally, the tall and rangy England left-arm quick bowler, had turned his greatest deficiency into a virtue. He is certainly having an outstanding world cup after making huge strides on the recent tour of Australia. By the end of the game against Zimbabwe he had collected ten scalps in four games but it was the tight line and length that were impressive. Mullally is at the peak of his career and although that zenith may be late and is unquestionably going to be short, it comes at just the right time for England's world cup hopes. Mullally gives one of his best laid-back shrugs.

51. -----,-----,-----, -----, EXPECTATION, INDIA.

MOHAN (R.) India can still nurse faint hope. Pioneer. 9, 139; 1999 May, 21; II.

India's world cup dream had begun to fade fast with its batting, bowling and leadership in disarray, but if its player get their act together in the remaining league matches, the team could still make it to the super six. However, the 1983 champion might still be able to made it to the next stage, since the point format is such that any victory against eliminated. Cocent for nothing. Sri Lanka has already lost both its matches against South Africa and England. India went down to South Africa and is yet to play England while Zimbabwe is yet to face these two heavy weight in the group India now has the daunting task of needing to beat both Sri Lanka and England and pray that Zimbabwe, with four points from two wins loses to both South Africa and England.

52. GAEKWAD (Anshuman). First Challenge. India Today. XXIV, 19; 1999, May, 10; 57.

The article reflects that the players were in good heart. It was good to see Azhar mixing around more than he usually does and Jadeja taking the initiative and bowling more. The first match against top contenders South Africa. They have a good all-round side like us, though their fielding is an advantage., who ever applies themselves better will win. Zimbabwe will be no cakewalk. Again every player contributes and their fielding is excellent. The good news is that the player won the one-day series in Zimbabwe. Something England and Pakistan couldn't. They tend to bat and bowl well but in crunch situations give it away. It is important for the league position for us to win this. India were in the stronger group of

the world cup, perhaps that's good for it and won't allow us to relax, India have to win three games to qualify for the super six which shouldn't be a problem. After all, India didn't come here to qualify but to win the cup.

53 -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, PAKISTAN.

LUTHRA (Vikas). Pakistan, the team to watch. Cricket World. 3,11; 1999, May, 66.

Three factors turned the Pakistanies round. The first was Wasim himself, regaining confidence and his bowling form the second was the emergence of Saqlain Mushtaq as the best off spinner in the game, and the third, the blooming of Shoaib Akhtar as the fastest bowler today, with bowling as their great strength, Pakistan are capable of turning the form book topsy turvy as most of the their key bowlers are familiar with the English conditions, and that can be a clinching factor for them, in this world cup contest.

54. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA.

VISWANATH (G). South Africa may hold sway. Hindu.122, 118; 1999, May, 19; 19.

The article deals with South Africa's performance against India at Hove. It showed the world that its batting runs deep and is well equipped to deal with any situation efficiently. All the teams are looking to amass points in the first round. This is what South Africa achieved by its batting display that was given a robust finish by J. Kallis and Jonty Rhodes, while chasing, almost the first par score in the competition. Sri Lanka played South Africa once in a '92 world cup match at the basis reserve, Wellington. It won the match by

three wickets, chasing a small target of 196. And in an emirates cup match last year, the Sri Lankan held sway. But tomorrow Cronje is more likely to dictate terms.

55. EDWORTHY (Niall). SA hope to stay calm and conquer. Hindustan Times. LXXV, 139; 1999, May, 22; 20.

The author had expected that "STAY CALM" would be South Africa's motto in the year 1999 cricket world cup. When they meet England in the tournaments biggest match so far. The 'calm' word was used by Cronje again when he praised the level-headedness of Lance Klusener and Steve Elworthy, who steered South Africa to a respectable 199 for nine and, ultimately victory. Both teams are unbeaten and already look set to qualify for the super six stage but the points from this game are vital, as they will be carried over into the second stage. South Africa are the form side and deserve to be the tournament favourites, but it's all down to how each side plays on the day. England against South Africa in any sport is big, but especially in cricket.

56. CROWE (Martin). Flair Vs method. Outlook. 5,18; 1999, May, 17; 80.

This article gives the information that South Africa was to meet Pakistan in the final at Lord's. Compare the clinical, fanatical proteas, backed by the omnipotent Nelson Mandela himself, against the often discordant, erratic genius of Pakistan. It will depend very much on the day and the toss. There is a history of difficulty about batting first at Lord's. Early moisture and assistance for seamers, followed by a flatter pitch and easier run-getting. South Africa for

their cool, focused and almost obsessional desire to win. That factor will predominate but the sheer flair of the Pakistanis will ensure that they go down fighting.

57. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SRI LANKA.

KULDIP LAL. Make or break for SL. Hindustan Times.LXXV, 139; 1999, May, 22; 20.

The author had expected that reigning world cup champions Sri Lanka would have nothing more than history to inspire them when they take on buoyant Zimbabwe in their make or break match. Ranatunga's beleaguered team must win to stay in contention for the super six second round after losing their first two matches. It's a task made difficult by their wretched form 16 defeats in the last 20 matches and Zimbabwe's growing confidence after beating Kenya and India. Zimbabwe had won just three of their 25 world cup matches before this tournament but came to England believing they were contenders for the first time after putting together what they believe as their strongest side ever.

58. -----,-----,-----, -----, ----- TEAMS.

SIDDIQUI (Kamran). Test of Temperament. Nation and the World. 8, 183; 1999, June 1;50.

The author expresses his views about cricket stating that it is a game of chance amongst the twelve shown consistency they are South Africa and Australia, but does not mean that only these two can win the hyped up contest taking place in England. Like South Africa have some good batsmen and bowlers but their record of consistency has not been regular. South Africans are never found to

be sick of victories, rather their appetite for victory intensifies with winning matches. This team has not been able to win the world cup title since their first world cup in 1992. Australia is the next team of the same calibre and quite capable of sailing through a measure of consistency. They do not lose hope even when there is little chance for victory. Indians are being considered as underdogs in the '99 world cup, it is not that the team is weak but at times play like vegetables. This consistency has always been in doubt as they play with low spirits and lose even the winning matches.

59. MENON (Mohandas). Can the Windies win back lost glory ?
Cricket World. 3,11; 1999, May; 60.

Winners of the first two editions of the world cup, West Indies were shattered out of their complacency when India beat them to the title in 1983, but now a comeback trail, the Brian Lara led Caribbean squad need a huge attitudinal change to make their mark in the cup.

60. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, ZIMBABWE.

KAPIL DEV. Difficult Task. India Today. XXIV, 21; 1999, May, 24; 59.

Zimbabwe team was not to be taken lightly. The mere mention of Zimbabwe sends shudders down most Indian spinners. They are a highly motivated team and can beat any one on their day. The idea is to play percentage cricket against the Zimbabweans. The batting has to be solid and the bowling tight. The running between the wickets has to be exceptionally swift since the Zimbabweans are capable of saving at least 20 to 30 runs in the field.

61. BISWAS (Prabir). Improved side but can't pose any challenge. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 1; 1999, May, 96.

They have made their presence felt in the past one year. The so-called "babes of cricket" have defeated India and Pakistan in the test and were runners up over Sri Lanka in the Sharjah Cup. The team's fortune has soared under the astute stewardship of 27 year old Alistair Campbell. The Zimbabwean captain is an elegant batsman and can single handley destroy any attack. Campbell took over captaincy after Andy Flower expressed his desire to be removed from the hot seat as he could not bear the burden of batting, wicket keeping as well as captaincy.

62. -----,-----,-----, -----, EXPERIENCE, AZHARUDDIN.

SHIVAPRASAD (SM). Azharuddin's Experience. India Today. XXIV, 19; 1999, May, 10; 8.

Ajay Jadeja is a wonderful, lively cricketer who has infused a sense of enthusiasm into the team, he's short of experience as a captain. One should not jump to conclusion from his three victories as skipper at Sharjah. Jadeja performance as the captain of Haryana in the Ranji Trophy has not been exactly spectacular. On the other hand, Azharuddin is a more mature and successfull captain. He has led India to many great victories in the past, including memorable ones against Pakistan. Public memory is indeed short.

63. -----,-----,-----, -----, FIRST-PHASE.

DINAKAR (S). Exciting first phase. FRONTLINE. 16, 12; 1999, June, 5-18; 124.

The author had expected that there was much drama and suspense as the first phase of the seventh world cup concluded on May 31. At the end of the eventful 18 days, Pakistan was the most impressive and combative team, an unexpected setback in its last league game against Bangladesh notwithstanding. And South Africa, despite suffering a shock defeat at the hands of Zimbabwe, looked a formidable adversary. The exciting but unpredictable Zimbabwe, which won the matches that mattered, went into the super six with four points, the same as Pakistan and has a fighting chance of making it to the semifinals. Former champions India and Australia, after early hiccups, regrouped to move into the next stage, but have a tough job ahead. Holder Sri Lanka, two-time champion West Indies and host England are out of the competition.

64. -----,-----,-----,-----, INDIA.

GAEKWAD (Anshuman). Initial Setback. India Today. xxiv, 22; 1999, May, 31; 51.

This article discusses that qualifying for the super six has become that much more harder. Two defeats in two matches. That's not the ideal way to start off one's campaign in the world cup loss to Zimbabwe in the second match was very disappointing because the players did not play to their full potential. No team can afford to give away so many extras and hope to win. Twenty one wides and 16 no balls, it was incredible. The batsman too failed at a crucial time. They were giving away their wickets rather than allowing the Zimbabweans to bowl them out.

65. WADEKAR (Ajit). Too much hype did India in. Blitz. LIX, 77; 1999, June, 20;2.

Every team goes through a bad patch and this world cup, it was the Indian team's turn to have its share of bad moments. It is wrong to condemn a team for it. It is difficult to pinpoint just one major factor that caused the Indian team's downfall in the world cup, as it was a well-balanced team. It has always been noted that Indian batting has been strong. However, the tail-enders let us down this time by not carrying on in the same manner as the openers. However, what hit us in a big way was the loss to Zimbabwe. It was a match Indian team should have won, and Indian team went on to feel the pains of that loss in the super six stage.

66. SARABHAI (R). Can India Still Win ? Yes, if NZ lose all, Australia. Blitz. LIX, 75; 1999, June, 6;1.

The author states that after a loss of 77 runs to Australia in the first match of the super six stage, the Indian team's chances to reach the semifinals appear dismal, with yet a ray of hope. India failed to muster any points from the league phase, as it lost to both South Africa and Zimbabwe, the other two qualifiers of super six from group A. With the loss against Australia, the latter gained two points, while India did not bother the statisticians at all. For India to make to the semifinal, they need to win at least two matches out of the three in the super six. Ideally, India could have fancied their chances against Australia and New Zealand.

67. KAPIL DEV. Mind game. India Today. XXIV, 23; 1999, June, 7; 58.

Indian team is a different proposition altogether. As they proved Kenya and Sri Lanka, they have the talent and the experience to hammer out wins. In a positive frame of mind they will beat anybody whatever the outcome of this tournament, the brilliant centuries by Sachin, Rahul and Saurav will forever be etched in the minds of all cricket lovers across the globe.

68. KAPIL DEV. Flashes of Genius. India Today. XXIV, 25; 1999, June, 21; 62.

This article deals with India having themselves to blame for making their entry into the semi-finals difficult. It is sad because Indian's have shown flashes of genius in all matches, that India won. The Indian's ability showed through on many occasion, Indians' just could not put it together consistently. India lost to Zimbabwe, has cost us dearly.

69. WADHWANEY (KR). Does India have the Chance ? Nation and the World. 8, 183; 1999, June, 1; 52.

The author discusses that India does not have a ghost of a chance to regain the championship, world cup, that they won 16 years ago (1983) under the inspiring leadership of Kapil Dev in England. It is not that the Indians are not capable of claiming the cup. But a few superstars, now part of the electronic media, and another few, egoistic and know-alls have needlessly sown the seeds of dissension among colleagues-friends-players. Let us be men enough to accept the all-important fact: Indians have more talent and more skills: Pakistanis have more determination, defiance and

togetherness. The result display that talent is subservient to temperament, which is key to success.

70. SHUKLA (Ashish). Simply, Not good Enough. Cricket Samrat. 2, 8; 1999, August; 23.

The author states that the India's was a campaign which lasted only as far as the Indian firepower permitted. It was a fair reflection of team's capability, a place in the super six stage, and nothing beyond. The Indians were simply not good enough to go far and ill luck is missing wood for substance. The biggest shock for Indians and to the knowledgeable was the way our batting clicked and bowling flopped. Both were surprises.

71. SHASTRI (Ravi). Slow burn out. Outlook. V, 22; 1999, June, 14; 56.

India's entry into super six stage revived some interest in the world cup even in England. Ganguly and Dravid made India's passage into the super six easier than was imagined. India's progress and the upset defeats of South Africa, the big story of the week was England's unceremonious exit from the world cup. England winning three matches but there can be little sympathy for a team that gets defensive when aggression is the need of the moment, and crumbles under the first sign of pressure. England's performance against India was pathetic. Australia, like India, are going into the super six without any point.

72. KAPIL DEV. Little team spirit. India Today. XXIV, 26; 1999, June, 28; 85.

India considered a major force before the tournament began, just failed to do so. At the world cup ours was the strongest batting line up and we scored the most sparkling centuries. Our bowlers too, particularly Javagal Srinath and Prasad, performance well. Still, we failed. The lack of a support system was a factor in our loss. Captain Mohammad Azharuddin could not even perform to 40 percent of his potential. In such a situation, the other players should have rallied around him and taken the pressure off him. There is no doubt that losing that one match against Zimbabwe in the group stage cost us a berth. Every match was important because of the point system that was followed.

73. PATEL (B). Crouch for the Prey. Outlook. 5, 18; 1999, May, 17; 64.

The main theme of this article is that the month of May is pretty cold and wet in England, but June is better and will help the spinners. Few spinners have done well in early English summer. Taking the field in cold weather is tough, but our boys must learn to save those vital 10-15 runs. Crouch and move in as the bowler runs up to bowl. It is not going to be easy to go after the bowlers in England, the ball will move a let. It won't be easy to hit it on the rise, and so the onus will be on specialist batsmen - Sachin, Saurav, Rahul, Azhar to get as many runs on the board as possible. Agarkar and Robin Singh will be the change bowlers followed by Ganguly, Tendulkar and Kumble. We have an experienced side with players who have played 200 one day internationals, they are capable of working out a strategy on the day on the day of the match. We have good chances of qualifying for the super six. Then, hopefully, the

semis and the final. No predictions, all the teams are evenly balanced, so you cannot pick a winner straight away.

74. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, AZHARUDDIN.

SRIKANTH (K). Azhar should be more positive and innovative. Hindu, 122, 188; 1999, May 19; 19.

The author expresses his views about skipper Azharuddin should be more positive and innovative like Wasim Akram. These are the key factors for team performance. The India-Zimbabwe match would be crucial. After the defeat against South Africa, the Indians would be under additional pressure. It has everything to gain and nothing to lose. But for India, a win is a must to remain in the race for reaching the super six level. Lack of planning and inability to accelerate the rate of scoring were the reasons for our reverse against South Africa. It is time we tried different tactics for other matches.

75. GAVASKAR (Sunil). Azhar's lucky run against Pakistan. Times of India, LXXV, 157; 1999, June, 11; 19.

India's thrilling 47 run victory over Pakistan was their third straight triumph in world cup competition and is also a unique three-in-a-row for skipper Mohd. Azharuddin. India's overall win-loss record against Pakistan is only 27-47 out of 78 ties, but they have ruled supreme in the world cup and on all three occasions defended a total successfully. Azharuddin also has the record of winning the toss on all the three occasions and electing to bat first to emerge winner.

76. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, **GANGULY (Saurav).**

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Genuine all-rounder. Sportstar. 22,24; 1999, June, 12; 26.

The author expresses his views about Saurav Ganguly picking up three wickets in addition to his 40 runs and was rightly adjudged the 'Man of the Match' for the second time in as many matches. Ganguly had warmed up with that epic innings against Sri Lanka and England had the misfortune of seeing the Bengal cricketer emerge a genuine all-rounder. The seam and swing that Ganguly packs in his bowling caused the downfall of the English middle order. His ability to improve and learn was a big plus point in Ganguly's rise as one of the most dependable players in the side. In this match emerging as a successful performer with the bat and the ball.

77. VENGSARKAR (Dilip). Full marks to Saurav Ganguly. Indian Express. L XVII, 204; 1999, June, 1; 18.

The author expresses his views about full marks to be given to the Indian bowlers, especially the under-rated Saurav Ganguly. He hit the seam, moved the ball around appreciably, and was not only economical but found himself among wickets that were crucial for his side. Ganguly, infact, has always proved to be a useful bowler, whenever called upon to render his side. Ganguly, infact, has always proved to be a useful bowler whenever called upon to render his services. Unfortunately though, it has not been often enough.

78. SHASTRI (Ravi). Saurav played a classy knock. Times of India. CLXII, 114; 1999, May, 17; 21.

The author expected that the left handed opener Saurav Ganguly played a classy knock and was unfortunate to miss a hundred. Saurav Ganguly (97) became the fourth Indian after Azharuddin (93), Tendulkar (90) and Sidhu (93) was dismissed in the “nineties” in the world cup. The first wicket partnership of 67 runs between Ganguly and Tendulkar and the second wicket partnership of 130 runs between Ganguly & Rahul Dravid was a big and exciting partnership. He showed staying power as well as exquisite shot-making ability and his quick return to form showed that Indai’s worries are now a thing of the past.

79. -----,-----,-----, -----, ----- ROBIN SINGH.

SHUKLA (Ashish). Robin Singh - An unsung hero. Cricket Samrat. 28; 1999, August; 78.

Robin’s strength still is his calculated hitting. His critics point out he is not always elegant when hitting. But so does Lance Klusener is or Moin Khan or Ijaz Ahmad for instance. Robin has played heroic knocks in moment of crises. There are at least 25 such instances but he doesn’t get credit for it.

80. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, TENDULKAR (Sachin).

BISWAS (Prabis). One man army. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 2; 1999, June; 76.

Sachin Tendulkar’s 140 not out in 101 balls against Kenya at Bristol not only helped India pile up the highest ever total in World cup as well as one day internationals (329 for 2 in 50 overs) but also earned the crucial two points to remain in contention for the super six stage.

81. LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Innings of high value. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June, 5; 44.

This article deals with the time when Sachin Tendulkar had lost his father and yet was being asked to go back and join the team in a period of acute crises. His mind was not able to ascertain because it would have been unfair to subject him to questions at that hour of grief. But the man himself walked up to give an insight to his mature brain and commitment to the team. His 22nd one day international century, and the first by any batsman in the 1999 world cup. Only Tendulkar could have played such an innings. He destroyed the bowlers with a flurry of amazing shots and the power that he packed was simply stunning. He had paced his innings like a champion and there was every reason to believe that had he opened the innings, he might well have crossed the 200 mark in one day internationals. Tendulkar's loyalty is fierce and his commitment unflinching. His consistency is there for all to see and the discipline that he has brought to his game is just an example for all to emulate. For this, man, there is no rest. He must keep performing and improving and serve Indian cricket day in and day out.

82. MOHAN (R). Sachin brings hope for India. Times of India.CLXII, 120; 1999, May, 23; 17.

"Do it for Sachin" that is the motto the members of the Indian team adapting as they swing into their next engagement in the world cup. The current situation in the world cup may seem hopeless but the team sees a ray of hope now that its best player has rejoined them. India need to win every game from here in order to stay in contention for a place in the next stage of the competition.

83. GAEKWAD (Anshuman). Playing to Potential. India Today. XXIV, 23; 1999, June, 7; 53.

Without Sachin Tendulkar the Indian batting cannot click. Against Sri Lanka Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid proved that it is not always the case. The two took advantage of some characteristics bowling to showcase India's depth of talent. Rahul stroked the Lankan bowling to all parts of the innings. He is technically correct, in terrific form and never looks likely to get out. Saurav took over from there. He was hitting the ball so hard that the ground appeared too small for him. Against Zimbabwe we batted and bowled badly and our fielding was average. Against Kenya the batting was good but the bowling and fielding were average. Against Sri Lanka we improved tremendously in all departments.

84. BRIJNATH (Rohit). On a Wing and a Player. India Today. XXIV, 20; 1999, May, 17; 48-51.

Recent form would suggest that India do[?] not have the fire power to defeat the top teams. But with Tendulkar back in the side the Indian challenge gets the edge that was missing. Tendulkar is famous. He has a job not one Indian in a billion wants. Imagine this in the last world cup he scored a record 523 runs at an average 87.17. What pressure must be resting in the mind of a 26 year oldman ? he knows greatness has but a singular measure: wining. Tendulkar enforced rest-he confirms his back is fine and will use the same heavy bat.

85. BASU (S). One of a kind, Sunday. 26,28; 1999, July, 11-17; 44.

By the end of '97, statistics showed 27 losses in 48 ODIs (4 were abandoned) and only 3 wins in 14 tests. The idol was in danger of being knocked off the Pedestal. But the selectors intervened in time, and reinstated Azhar. In spite of a nagging back injury, 1998 saw a veritable deluge of runs from the little master and he was back to being numero uno in a way he had never been before. It was during the world cup that Tendulkar suffered an agonising personal loss: his father expired. He came back to Bombay for the funeral but flew back in time for a crucial match against Kenya. During Sachin's absence, India had lost a vital match against Zimbabwe. In the aftermath of the world cup, post-mortem reports point heavily towards vacuum at the top. The need of the hour, fell people who matter, is a dedicated, committed and disciplined captain who will lead by example.

86. RAMESH (K). Put Sachin in top order, Ramesh inexperienced. Blitz. LIX, 75; 1999, June, 6; 12.

It is indeed brave on the part of the Indian cricket team to drop Sachin down the order. But is it fair to make Tendulkar bat alone at number four just to strengthen the middle order and in the process, making the top order frail and vulnerable to the early swing, thereby losing some early wickets. Tendulkar is incomparable with the present generation of cricketers. It does not take him long to adjust to any type of bowling and swing. He should therefore be able to cope with the early swing than any other batsman. Sachin once again reigns the top of the Indian batting order and India reigns top of the world cup.

87. -----,-----,-----, -----, **KENYA, TIKOLO (Steve).**

VISWANATH (G). Delightful batsman from Kenya. Sporstar. 22, 23; 1999, May, 29; 30.

The author expresses that the 27 year old Steve Tikolo right hander made an impression against England at the St. Lawrence Cricket Ground, Canterbury, scoring an attractive 71. He was the obvious choice for the Daewoo Man of the Match award, though he played for a team referred to as minnows and one which lost the match by nine wickets. Tikolo's fluent batting against likes of Gough, Mullaly and others, was a thrilling act, a welcome diversion and relief from the icy winds, blowing across the ground. He and Shah delighted the crowd, adding 100 runs for the second wicket. Kenya needs more batsman like Tikolo for it to be recognised as a Test playing nation. Tikolo is ambitious and craves to perform in big games. No one can dispute that he was strong basis, excellent technique, and play the spinner's with ease. He is one batsman in the side, who never misses an opportunity to sweep.

88. -----,-----, -----,-----, **LOST, PAKISTAN**

MOHAN (R). Aussies put Pak down under, lift cup. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 48.

In a most one sided final in the annals of world cup history, Australia overwhelmed Pakistan by registering a crushing eight-wicket victory to scrip^t their second world cup triumph. Giving an incredible bowling performance inspired by leg spin wizard Sharne Warne's magincal haul of four for 133, the super charged Aussies simply wiped out the Pakistani batsman for a paltry 132 in 39 overs. The lowest in a world cup final. Openers Adam Gilchrist 54 and Mark

Waugh 37 then launched a whirlwind chase to complete a professional job of meeting the low target by coasting to 129 for two in 20.1 overs in front of a spellbound audience.

89. -----,-----,-----,-----, NEW ZEALAND, CAIRNS (Chris).

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Lively innings. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June, 5; 68.

This article deals with Chris Cairns does qualify as a genuine all-rounder, and not the bits and pieces man as some of his detractors had made him out to be. The pasting that Cairns gave the Australians shall remain a high point of his career. His domination was total and all bowlers were slammed all over the park by this strokemaker. The ball was hit with tremendous force, Cairns emerges a most attractive cricketer to watch. His ability with the bat is just as effective as his skills with the ball and he often tilts the balance with his aggression. Those may have been adjudged 'Man of the Match' but it was Cairns, who played the most valuable role in inspiring the kiwi victory.

90. DINAKAR (S). His value is immense. Sportstar. 22, 24; 1999, June, 12; 16.

This article deals with Chris Harris being a dangerous batsman down the order, a more than useful bowler who mixes it up quite a bit, and a wonderful fielder at any position, the likable kiwi is the quintessential one day cricketer. In the event, Harris's effort, when he scalped four scots in quick time to cut short a rally by the late order, was a vital contribution as any target around 175 would have been a tough task for the Kiwis, they would have had to get the

runs in just over 27 overs. The positive aspect of his bowling is accuracy, he is always at the batsmen and seldom gives them the width or the length to punish him. Chris Harris may not be the greatest one day cricketer in the world, but he score is one the most useful.

91. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, TWOSE (RG) and CAIRNS (CL).

LAWRENCE (Tony). Twose, Cairns Hammer the point home for Kiwis. Hindustan Times. LXXV, 139; 1999, May 22; 20.

This article deals with Kiwi Roger Twose and big hitting C. Cairns masterminded the biggest shock of the cricket world cup as New Zealand upset Australia by five wickets. Twose, better known as a test player, played the anchor after New Zealand, chasing 213 for eight and struggling on 49 for four, got home with 4.4 overs to spare. Cairns, meanwhile, acted the destroyer with a string of sixes and fours to seal victory in the transtasman 'local derby'. A delighted Twose, who emigrated to New Zealand from England after a successful country cricket career, ended on 80 not out while Cairns made 60 during their 148- run partnership.

92. -----,-----, -----, -----, PAKISTAN.

SHASTRI (Ravi). Pakistan are high on Confidence. Times of India. CLXII, 115; 1999, May, 18; 21.

The confidence of the Pakistan team was the striking difference between the two sides. To recover from a precarious 42 for 4 and go on to win against a side which has two of the world greatest bowlers reveals the ambition of Wasim Akram and his boys.

Pakistan's good cricket becomes the main objective and I think that Pakistan today are very tough mentally to get distracted by anything. Even Akram's gamble of batting first became a brave decision in the end.

93. BREARLEY (Mike). Natural Wonders. India Today. XXIV, 26; 1999, June, 28; 90.

The author had expected that Pakistan were the odd ones out, and they had deservedly made it through to the final. They have greater all round flair (Razzaq, Moin Khan, Afridi, Azhar Mahmood, Wasim Akram), which means a more effective fifth bowler and a higher likelihood of a favourable reversal of fortune, secondly, they are superior than all teams (except possibly South Africa) in sheer aggression and attacking ability with the ball. Shoaib Akhtar is faster than anyone else in the world and Saqlain Mushtaq is more attacking slow bowler than Anil Kumble. With such natural ability at their command, little wonder Pakistan are a bunch of world-beaters.

94. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, AKHTAR (Shoaib).

VISWANATH (G). He is the new sensation. Sportstar. 22,26; 1999, June, 26; 23.

The author feels that Shoaib Akhtar was one of the greatest bowlers and he was responsible for Pakistan's entry into the semifinal. This world cup was the first major stage for Akhtar. He has been around for two years in international cricket, but it was not until a test match between India and Pakistan at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta, that Akhtar's career was set on motion by Wasim Akram. Akhtar had stunned the Eden Garden's with his hostile bowling, not

seen for a long time. He bowled Rahul Dravid and Tendulkar. Akhtar crossed the 90 mph mark several times. He bowled slower ones too. Akhtar was chided in public for bowling so thoughtlessly against South Africa in the super six match. He was punished by Lance Klusener. Then, the Indians scored a point against hi, scoring 54 runs off his 10 overs. But he came back strongly against Zimbabwe taking two for 22 in seven overs. And in the semifinals he picked up three wickets. He wants to bowl fast and his captain encourages him to do so.

95. ASAD. Coming close to 100 mph. Nation and the World. 8, 183; 1999, June, 1; 49.

This article is dedicated to the fast bowler, Shoaib Akhtar. He has taken wickets on the slow pitches of India and Pakistan. The climate and pitches in England suit fast bowlers. At present he has become Pakistan's winning weapon. Shoaib Akhtar is compared to Thomson of England and Dennis Lillie of Australia. Thomson was the only bowler in past to get close to the century mark. He was measured at 99.70 mph. In the same year Andy Roberts of West Indies timed 93.62 mph and Michael Holding (WI) 92.30 mph. By each passing day Shoaib is getting faster. Wasim Akhtar believes that Shoaib can break the barrier has he enjoys his bowling. He is comfortably the quickest in the world.

96. MOHAN (R). 'Rawalpindi Express' set cup on fire. Pioneer. 9, 136; 1999, May, 18; II.

The author expected that the 23 year-old dubbed the '100 miles per hour man- although he has yet to find an extra yard of

pace to break that mark-lived up to the hype instantly against the West Indies at Bristol. Six balls later and the 'Rawalpindi Express' beat Campbell for pace again. His bat was still coming down as his stumps exploded behind him. Campbell delayed a few seconds before trudging off, a perplexed expression on his face. Akhtar, however, did not have things all his own way. His 9.5 overs earned him two wickets but also cost him 54 runs, making him the team's most expensive bowler. Shoaib was definitely the quickest bowler in the world and he was improving. He was a wicket taking bowler, an attacking bowler.

97. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, HAQ (Inzamamul).

VISWANATH (G). Reliable bat. Sportstar. 22,24; 1999, June, 12; 45.

Inzamamul Haq played his part again in Pakistan's fourth successive win in the world cup, this time against New Zealand. His unbeaten 73 came off just 61 balls. He came into bat at the fall of the third wicket and lasted right till the end of the Pakistan innings which by then had reached a healthy 269. Inzamam began as a clasher, a compulsive stroke player, which helped him to get some runs and win applause from the gallery. But in recent times there has been a perceptible change in attitude in him. Obviously, the experience gained, since he burst upon the stage in the 1992 world cup in Australia and New Zealand, and guidance from different coaches, has created a more compact and reliable batsman. Also, he has felt the need to score runs at good pace.

98. VISWANATH (G). Innings in the Face of Adversity. Sportstar. 22, 23; 1999, June, 5; 38.

Inzamam-ul-Haq, there should be no doubt, is a world class batsman. He made 81 at Leeds which was the highest by a batsman from both sides. His effort won him admirers and the Man of the Match award. He first made the headlines when he flogged the New Zealand bowlers at Eden Park, Auckland, scoring 60 off 37 balls. This was in the semifinal. And in the final against England, he made 42 off 35 balls. He is close to 6000 runs in LOIS. He was solid and sure in defence. He drove the ball well too, the controlling hand being his top hand. After hitting three fours, he became subdued. He did not mind this because Australia's bowlers were trying to get on top. Haq and Razzaq foiled them. Haq and Razzaq added 118 for the fourth wicket which was the first turning point for Pakistan.

99. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, **MOIN KHAN.**

SHUKLA (Ashish). Moin - Pakistan's man Friday. Cricket Samrat. 2,8; 1999, August; 34.

The author stated that Moin Khan, Pakistan's effervescent wicket keeper, perpetually strives to mobilise a talented and unstable side to perform at the optimum level. He is one of six players from the Pakistan squad that won the 1992 world cup down under. Moin's presence at number eight has been impressive. His 236 runs have come at an average of slightly below 40 and at 114 runs per 100 balls, his rate of scoring was exceeded only by Lance Klusener of South Africa. Against Australia he made 31 off 12 balls in a group match at Headingley, smashing two sixes off Glen McGrath of all people.

100. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, MUSHTAQ (Saqlain).

KRISHNAN (V.) Spin Spearhead. Sportstar. 22,26; 1999, June, 26;72.

In this article the author has pointed out that Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq had 16 wickets to his name till the semifinal stage, and in the process had reached the 200 wicket mark in limited overs cricket, besides becoming only the second man in world cup history to achieve a hat trick. He performed the feat in his country's last super six game, against Zimbabwe, Saqlain's better efforts in the world cup in the first two stages were his figure of 9-0-22-1 (W.I.), 10-1-15-3 (Aus.), 10-0-34-2 (NZ), 10-0-35-5 (Bangladesh), and 6.3-1-16-3 (Zimb.). India Chetan Sharma had performed a hat trick against New Zealand in Nagpur, '87 and it was a proud moment for Saqlain when he scalped Henry Olonga, Adam Huckle, both stumped by wicket-keeper Moin Khan, and Mpumelo M. Bhangwa, declared leg before, off successive deliveries at the oval.

101. QAISER (SP). Saqlain's Second hat trick in one dayers. Indian Express. LXVII, 216; 1999, June, 13; 17.

The author discusses that Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq became the second player in the world to claim a hat trick in a world cup match. The 23 year old player from Lahore achieved this feat during Pakistan's last super six match against Zimbabwe at Oval. Saqlain Mushtaq joined Indian speedstar Chetan Sharma, who has the distinction of recording the first hat-trick in the world cup.

102. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SAEED ANWAR.

VISWANATH (G). Fine Knock. Sportstar. 22,26; 1999, June, 26; 35.

The author states that three years ago, the opening pair of Amir Sohail and Saeed Anwar, provided thundering starts to Pakistan in the wills world cup. Three years later, Pakistan had a problem with its opening pair in the world cup. Anwar opened first with Shahid Afridi and then Wajahatullah Wasti but the good starts were not coming. For Anwar, especially, someone with 6000 plus runs in one-day cricket, the seventh world cup had become a flop show. Anwar had made a big contribution. He first added 95 runs with Wasti and then was involved in a 67 runs stand with Inzamam-ul-Haq. He was fourth out at 194, Anwar had made up after being responsible for Ijaz's run-out. Ijaz was the unfortunate victim and Anwar was a bit selfish here. But in the end, Pakistan benefited, the former captain, making 103 off 144 balls with 11 fours.

103. -----,-----,-----,-----, -----, WASIM AKRAM.

BISWAS (Prabir). Akram's form must last. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 1; 1999, May, 92.

Wasim Akram and his boys would be a team watch out in England. Pakistan is the only team from the subcontinent which is in top form. The performance of the team is the Asian Test Championship and the Pepsi Triangular one day series is ample proof of this assertion. Even in the Coca Cola cup at Sharjah, the Pakistanis humbled India in the finals. The team has evolved into an winning combination under coach Javed Miandad and captain Wasim Akram. The blend of a experience and youth has transformed the

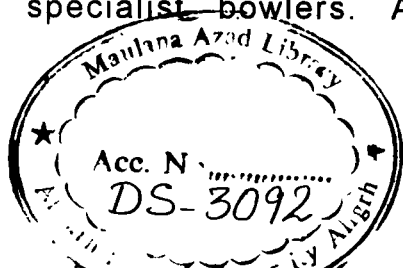
Pakistan team into a combination that is capable of winning the world cup.

104. DINAKAR (S). True captain. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 41.

The author had expected that the skipper Wasim Akram played a key role as Pakistan staged a fine recovery to win the crucial group clash against the West Indies at Bristol. But then he has always loved the big stage. Akram has transformed a trouble-ridden Pakistan team into one single cohesive unit, his single biggest contribution. Many of the successful young stars, Mushtaq, Akhtar, Azhar Mahmood, have been carefully nursed by Akram and no wonder these young men respond wonderfully to their skipper. It is a symbiotic relationship. Indeed, Wasim Akram is cricketer extraordinary and captain courageous.

105. SHASTRI (Ravi). Full spread Ahead. Outlook. 5,21;1999, June, 7; 59.

The match between Pakistan and Australia was easily the best of the event as yet, and gave the other teams plenty of reason to worry about Wasim Akram and his supremely talented bunch. In three matches out of three Pakistan have fought back admirably from tight situations. It could have been as good fortune the first time, but I feel it was Akram's vast experience of English conditions that finally made all the difference. He was the only captain to realise that the only way to win in these condition is by including five specialist bowlers. Akram has been the captain of the



tournament, leading with imagination, taking calculated risks and inspiring his players with example.

106. SURJIT KUMAR. Powerful Performer. Week. 17, 18; 1999, April, 18, 57.

The author states that the best allrounder in world cricket today, Wasim Akram showed during the test series with India, the Asian Test Championship and the three nation one-day tournament that he has lost nothing of his pace, his ability to move the ball in the air and off the seam or his devastating yorkers. He holds the record for the highest number of one-day wickets. He also teamed up nicely with coach Javed Miandad to come up with the right strategies. His team, though beset with dissent and betting allegations, has emerged as the best in the subcontinental at the moment. At 32, though he retains most of his cricketing abilities, he is definitely nearing the end of his illustrious career.

107. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, **WASIM AKRAM and RAZZAQ (Abdul).**

VIJAYAKAR (Pradeep). Akram, Razzaq star in Pak's victory. Times of India. CL XII, 115;1999, May, 18; 19.

The author states that the Pakistan scored a 27 run victory over the West Indies. Pakistan bowlers came up with a splendid show as they bowled out West Indians for 202 despite a stiff resistance from Chanderpaul, who scored 77. Abdul Razzaq struck vital blows and finished with three for 32 in his 10 over spell. Fellow paceman Azhar Mahmood took 3 for 48. Wasim Akram began the world cup in right royal style hammering 43 of 29 balls with four

fours and two sixes to save Pakistan the blushes in their opening group 'B' match. Pakistan recovered from 42 for four to make 229.

108. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, YOUSUF YOHANA.

CORBETT (Ted). Youhana fashion Pakistan's recovery. Hindu. 122, 120; 1999, May, 21; 18.

The author expresses his views about how Pakistan began in the north-eastern mists with three wickets down for 55 half in wides and no balls and five gone for 92 against Scotland. Youhana settled down to play the crucial innings and Moin Khan reacted by being himself; doughty, determined and dour, appropriately all Scottish sporting characteristics. The pair added 103 for the sixth wicket and when Moin was out playing the orthodox sweep soon after the reverse sweep, Akram was dropped and went on to help Youhana and Pakistan add 104 off the last 10 overs.

109. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SCOTLAND.

AKBAR (MJ). Highlander's high Blitz. LIX, 75; 1999, June, 6; 27.

Scotland's great world cup adventure ended up as a bitter sweet experience. Disappointment that they had failed to win a single game was, however, tempered by the enormity of the experience. Even Keith Sheridan who, together with Pete Steindl, did not get a start in any of Scotland's five games, cannot wait for the next world cup to come around. "I want to be in South Africa, 2003" was his unequivocal view after another spell as drinks waiter in the final match against New Zealand.

110. -----,-----,-----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA.

BISWAS (Prabir). Batting depth must last. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 1; 1999, May, 91.

The author expresses his views about the team having a combination of real quickies, seamers and medium-pacers. They have a bunch of all-rounders. Their batting depth goes down to number ten in the line up. As all the players are comparable, the team doesn't have to depend on any single individual. And all give their hundred percent to the side. The South African captain also led his country to victory in the mini-world cup at Dhaka. Today, South Africa is a force to reckon with in world cricket.

111. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, DONALD (Allan).

LAWRENCE (Tony). England crash to Donald pace. Hindustan Times. LXXV, 140 ; 1999, May, 24; 20.

The author expresses as his views about pace bowler Allan Donald routed England, South Africa confirmed their status as world cup favourites with a crushing 122-run triumph. Donald took four wickets for 17 during a high class exhibition of bowling as the tournament hosts were dismissed for 103- their lowest one-day total against South Africa with nine of their 50 overs remaining. South Africa move to the second round.

112. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, HEAVY BAT, KLUSENER (Lance).

LUTHRA (Vikas). Klusener's bat of burden, Crickt World. 4,1; 1999, July, 25.

South Africa's big hitting all rounder Lance Klusener is wielding the heaviest bat in the world cup. His willow weighs a mighty 3-lbs and Zozs (about 1.5 kg) heavier even than the one west Indian captain Clive Lloyd used in the 1975 final against Australia. When he scored 102. It seemed to work for him. Klusener, nick named 'Zulu', hit 48 not out from 40 balls against England and 52 off 43 balls against Sri Lanka. India's Sachin Tendulkar, regarded as the best batsmen in the world, uses a 3-lb bat. West Indian Brian Lara, however, favours a much lighter blade.

113. -----,-----,-----,-----,-----, KALLIS (Jacques).

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Quality performer. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 49.

A good batsman who understands the benefits of pacing the innings, Kallis is rarely perturbed when he plays and misses. The right temperament to handle the middle overs makes Kallis a dangerous batsman. The South African team depends a lot on this man's penchant to excel in difficult situation and the young all-rounder enjoys the responsibility with the bat and the ball. Kallis missed his century but won many hearts with his wonderful performance. South Africa had lost two early wicket and there was a possibility of an upset. All India had to do was to contain this man. It failed miserably as Kallis produced a class performance which lifted his team to great heights.

114. VIJAYAKAR (Pradeep). Kallis Script South Africa Victory. Times Of India. LXXV, 133; 1999, May, 17; 19.

This article is about the J. Kallis showed the qualities that made him the cricketers of the year when scored 98 as South Africa broke the hearts of a few thousands Indian's among the 6,000 crowd by handling India a six wicket defeat in their opening Group A match of the world cup cricket at Hove. The wicket was flat offering no help to the Indian bowlers. The light was much better than when India batted and these factors enabled South Africa to make light of losing their prime batsman and yet making it with 2.4 overs to spare.

115. LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Gifted cricketer. Sportstar. 22,25; 1999, June, 19;16.

The author expected that Jacques kallis, the South African team had a most gifted cricketer, who can only be expected to improve in the times to come. His range is simply amazing. A brilliant fielder, a most innovative stroke-maker and a shrewd bolwer, who can for the most difficult batsmen on the circuit. Kalli's savage hitting was very important to the team because South Africa appeared to have lost direction in the middle overs. The dismissals of Gibbs and Daryll Cullinan in quick succession had raised the hopes of New Zealand and the situation demanded a responsible effort from one more batsman for South Africa to breathe easily. That effort came from Kallis. Kallis' unbeaten 53, off a mere 36 balls, was adorned with three sixes and one four. The 'Man of the Match', for that thrilling half century and for capturing New Zealand's first two wickets, was a fitting recognition of Kalli's contribution in shaping the dominance of his team.

116. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA, KLUSENER (Lance).

VISWANATH (G). Klusener's impressive burst. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June, 5; 20.

The author had expressed by winning the Man of the Match award for the third time in four world cup matches, Lance Klusener has sent clear signals that he will be the allrounder to watch in the run up to the semifinals. Klusener, took five wickets. The consequence of Klusener's fine spell was Kenya being shot out for 152 after Kennedy Otieno and Shah flogged kallis for 35 runs in six overs and put on 66 for the first wicket. Klusener was the only candidate for the Man of the Match award on a day when both the teams put together made 305 runs. Klusener entered the 12-nation competition with 73 wickets, to which he has added 12 wickets in the four matches played against India, Sri Lanka, England & Kenya. Klusener's five for 21 was his fifth five wicket haul in one day internationals. He had also hit three sixes and eleven fours in South Africa's first four matches of the competition. The super six awaits Klusener's heroic deals.

117. VISWANATH (G.). Dangerous customer. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 26.

Lance Klusener has been a match winner, as a batsman and as a bowler. He made a 43 ball undefeated 52 with two sixes and five fours. His last 23 came off the 50th over bowled by left hand seamer Chaminda Vaas. Klusener's first shot- an expansive extra cover drive off Muralitharan- left the Sri Lankan fielder standing. He struck two more fours, before completing the assault in the last over which put the target for Sri Lanka at 200. And the 27 year old scored all

the runs after the fall of the seventh wicket, coming into bat at no.9. Steve Elworthy and tailender Donald, provided him support.

118. VISWANATH (G.). Not bad for a Grade 'B' player. Sportstar. 22,25; 1999, June, 19;37.

The author writes that Lance Klusener was fourth behind Gary Kirsten, Hansie Cronje and Jacques Kallis in the batting average before the world cup. After six matches (five innings), the left-hander has jumped to the top position with an average that is closer to 50. He did not get to bat against Kenya. Coah Bob Woolmer has had a big role to play in shaping Klusener into such a five allrounder. In 59 one-day internationals, Klusener has scored 1517 runs and taken 87 wickets. He has a pair of good eyes and strong shoulders which have helped him to spot the ball a trifle early and hit it hard and long. When he came in to bat at Trent. Bridge against Pakistan, South Africa needed quick runs. He employed the most effective method. He was quick in dispatching Shoaib Akhtars short one over the midwicket boundary. For all his achievements he is under contract with the united cricket board South Africa (UCBSA) as a Grade 'B' player.

119. LUTHRA (Vikas). King Klusener. Cricket World. 4,2; 199, August, 105.

Lance Klusener was undoubtedly the all-rounder of the tournament. He crashed the ball in the awesome fashion blasting 281 runs at an average of 140.50 and strike rate of 122.17. He nearly propelled South Africa into their first final, and took 17

wickets for good measures, inclusive of a five wicket haul. He becomes an essential part of the team.

120. CORBETT (Ted). Klusener, Mr. Reliable. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June 5; 50.

The author discuss that it was just as certain Lance Klusener was going to play a big part in the destiny of the cup. Of course his triumph is essentially part of the team success since they are so strong that they can afford to play such a good batsman no. 9 and there is a formidable part of the South African game plan. Forty-four balls later Klusener was still not out and had sent South Africa sailing to 225. Klusener makes batting looks simith. He swings his bat through a straight line and his strength judged by the size of his shoulders, he has muscles like an old-fashioned black smigh, sends the ball at distances the ordinary cricket only dreams about. So with his bowling. He runs in a tiny distance, pitches the ball just short of a length and keeps the batsman under control until his patience breaks and he tries to hit the wrong ball. He is sure to play a major part in the rest of the world cup.

121. MOHAN (R). Lance Klusener the Zulu Warrior. Cricket World. 4, 2; 1999, August, 16.

Lance Klusener turned out to be the real all rounder of the 7th world cup though it is one of the game's greatest tragedies that he went home to Natal instead of going on to the final at Lord's, and yet such was his impact that he was by far its greatest individual performer.

122. South Africa pushed Sri Lanka to a record defeat and palpably to the brink of their world cup campaign. Lance Klusener, declared the man of the match, showed guts and guile to guide South Africa to an 89-run win in their Group B encounter. Klusener's unbeaten 52 in his team's 199 for 9 in 50 overs, inspired his bowlers to dictate terms and subjugate the Sri Lankans.

123. VENGSARKAR (Dilip). Klusener sets world record. Indian Express. LXVII, 210; 1999, June, 7; 16.

Lance Klusener maintained his unbeaten streak in world cup '99, blasting 46 off just 41 balls against Pakistan at Trent Bridge. To set a new world record as South Africa scored an exciting three wicket win. The 27 year old South African, all rounder, who had made 350 runs in one day internationals without losing his wicket, and needed another unbeaten 45 runs in the super six game to beat Pakistani batsman Javed Miandad's record set in the 1982-83 home series against Australia, returned unconquered on 46 to rewrite Miandad's record.

124. -----,-----,-----, -----, **SPINNERS.**

BEDI (B. Singh). Spin Samurai. India Today. XXIV, 18; 1999, May, 3; 75-78.

The art of spin bowling has been part and parcel of the game ever since its inception. Many new tricks have evolved in the spinner's armoury as the game itself has changed. And there were many types of spinners. The classification could be made thus: the canny, thinking bowlers, scheming and mean, the extravagant spinner caring little for accuracy but much for the big bend to beat

the batsmen as well as the keeper in befooling as also demonstrating the power of the wrist. One considered unsuited to one-day cricket, spinners hold the key to their teams fortunes in the world cup slow bowlers have made a lasting impact on one-day cricket with their charm and mystery.

125. LOKALAPALLY (Vijay). Spinners may play major role, Hindu. 122, 133; 1999, June, 3; 18.

The stage is set for the super six, and time is ripe for the spinners in a big way as the world cup enters the second phase. Among the qualifying teams, the three teams with greater role for their spinners are India, Pakistan and Australia. The top 20 bowlers of the league stage, only two spinners find a place of distinction - Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and the Aussies wizard Shane Warne.

126. LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Role modern young star. Sportstar. 22, 27; 1999, July, 3; 28-29.

Shane Warne revived the art of leg spin, then Saqlain was the co-author of a similar art for off-spinners the other man being the mysterious Muttiah Muralitharam. Saqlain is unique in his own way and there is this amazing self-confidence that makes him such a wonderful attacking bowler.

127. SINGH (M). VooDoo's spell. Outlook. V, 14; 1999, April, 19; 70.

The author expresses his views about spin has woven its way into the hurly-burly of one-day cricket. It may well be the good luck

charm for a few teams. Dipak Patel opening the Kiwi attack in '92 World Cup was a shocker. Warne, Saqlain and Kumle, Proven Craftsmen, could reaffirm spin's potency all over again. Saqlain with his tremendous strike rate of almost two wickets per match, had great success on the country circuit and should make a real impact in this world cup as well. The world cup is the biggest cricket event of them all. And great players always rise to the big occasion.

128. -----,-----,-----, -----, SRI LANKA.

BISWAS (Prabis). Defending Champions outright now not in form. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 1; 1999, May, 93.

The team looks much different from the one that won the last world cup in 1996. They seem to have lost the winning touch. Star batsman Jayasuriya has been out of the team for long. Last year, Sri Lanka 11 of the 23 one-day matches. And till date, the Emerald Islanders have lost 10 of the 14 matches that they have played. The senior players in the team look rusty and there seems to be a dearth of talent in the newcomers. The ageing Ranatunga has himself scored more than 7,000 runs in one day games. Rated as the best captain in the one dayers, it is expected that the 36 year old wily captain will turn things around considering that this will be his last world cup.

129.-----,-----,-----,-----,-----, KALUWITHARNA (R).

VISWANATH (G). Kaluwitharana saves the blushes for Sri Lanka. Hindu. 122, 114; 1999, May, 15; 18.

Sri Lanka total of 205 was the lowest in any opening match of a world cup since the 1979 edition. Kaluwitharana 57 was his best in

a world cup. The sixth wicket partnership of 84 runs between Ranatunga and Kaluwitharana was Sri Lanka's best for this wicket in the world cup and helped Sri Lanka eventually cross the 200 runs. Ranatunga appeared to fight his own battle against England.

130. -----,-----,-----, -----, **TEAMS.**

GUPTA (SD). Summer of '99. Sunday. 24, 23; 1999, June, 6-12; 56.

In Group 'A' the solid all round strength of South Africa epitomised by Lance Klusener's exploit (with the MOM awards), Jonty Rhodes fielding, the team's shock defeat to Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe's 'coming of age under Dave Houghton and Henry olanga' last over against India that set it all up, the host early exit, the disastrous performance of Sri Lanka, the defending champs, who practically did nothing right throughout the tournament's and India's batting process- Sachin's stroke versus Kenya (highlight: the reverse sweep), Saurav's silken touch (and "golden arm") Rahul's run feast. In Group 'B' Pakistan's power packed performance, Akram's leadership, Shohaib pace, Saqlain guile, Inzamam's stroke play and running between the wickets, mutterings of ball-tampering and match fixing, Australia's under-pas showing, Steve Waugh's unimaginative captaincy. Now it's all set for super six. Here's hoping for lots of Sunshine, small grounds packed to capacity (mainly by supporters from the subcontinent), same top call performances, great cricketing moments, and a fab fourline -up of Pakistan, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and India, from pure cricketing aesthetics.

131. ROEBUCK (Peter). Playing to form. India Today. XXIV, 22; 1999, May, 31; 54.

South Africans have match winners in every part of their team and also field some brilliant youngsters. They have added passion to their planning, releasing the rawness that is an eternal part of man and his games. The sort of performance Shaun Pollock and Lance Klusener produced against the deteriorating Sri Lankans. Australia's main weakness has been its attack. Glenn McGrath is being used as a change bowler in an attempt to contain the middle of the innings. Australia batting has been a little tentative. Ricky Ponting is an important man because he can let loose the carefree side of his team. The Pakistanis are powerful because they can take wickets of his team. The Pakistanis are powerful because they can take wickets at any moment and their batsmen can score heavily against any attack. They are not fellows to be tied down. No one would fancy playing against them, not even the South Africans.

132. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, **EXPECTATION.**

ROEBUCK (Peter). Who will win the world cup ? India Today. XXIV, 19; 1999, May, 10; 58.

The author expresses his views about the current form, South Africa were the hot favourites. But watch out for Australia and Pakistan and the dark horses India, West Indies and Zimbabwe. The Indians do not appear resourceful enough to sustain a challenge. Tendulkar is the cricketer of the age, a formidable competitor capable of inspiring any team. These Indians do not hustle enough, do not struggle or strangle or curse their way to victory. They either win in style or lose. Moreover the bowling is weak, once the opening pair are rested. If they can reach the semis, anything is possible.

The Pakistanis are talented but they are moody. They could finish first or last.

133. -----,-----,-----, -----, WEATHER, CONDITIONS.

GAEKWAD (Anshuman). Testing Conditions. India Today. XXIV, 20; 1999, May, 17; 57.

The weather has been reasonably kind to the players since they arrived in England, except for the first two days which were cold and windy. It meant that initially the player had to be content with an indoor synthetic surface at Leicestershire with Grace Road country ground. Practice game was against the Leicester second XI at this excellent country ground. Players rested Sachin, Srinath and Kumble to give Ramesh, Mohanty and Chopra a chance. The bowling was better and players lost three wickets for 60 runs, where up Azhar, Jadeja and Mongia batted with a lot of confidence to take us past 200 runs. The bowler came out the winner. These are the sort of situation where we have to use our experience and keep our cool. Saurav Ganguly with three wickets led the bowlers who polished them off for 130 odd runs. Considering the prevalent conditions, it seems we have to keep our wickets in hand and accelerate later on. The ground at Lord's was looking as pretty as ever. Hopefully we will do well enough to play here during the tournament.

134. -----,-----,-----, -----, WEST INDIES, JACOBS (Wicket Keeper).

DINAKAR (S). Safe and Effective. Sportstar. 22,23; 1999, June 5; 32.

The author had expressed with Jacobs has been among the biggest gains for the Caribbeans with his safe wicket-keeping and gusty batting. These qualities were on display at Southampton against New Zealand. Where Jacobs first gobbed up a world cup record equalling five catches and then went on to compile a fighting unbeaten 80 in conditions where batting was never going to be too easy. Having a quality wicket-keeper who can also bat with success at the top of the order provides any one day outfit with that much more options, that much more depth. Jacobs has the reputation of being a quiet, pragmatic person, and perhaps it was this quality that helped him tide over that dark, unrewarding phase, when he was repeatedly overlooked. The West Indies has a fine tradition of producing classy wicket-keeper batsmen, with gainst like Murray and Jeff Dujon, performing the dual role with that typical Carribbean flair. Jacobs seems to be following their footsteps. Like, on that crucial day at Southampton, when the Kiwis were kept out by this tigerish 'keeper'.

135. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, WALSH (Courtney).

DINAKAR (S). Old is gold. Sportstar. 22,23;1999, June, 5; 60.

This article deals with Courtney Walsh, bowling fast medium pace with right hand and bats left handed. He 4-25 was his best figures in the world cup. He betters the previous best of 4-40 against Pakistan at Lahore in the 1987 world cup. The nagging off-stump line, those lethal leg-cutters, the surprise off-cutter, and above all, a sharp cricketing brain were on display again as the Jamaican pacemean hounded the Bangladesh batsmen to pick up the man of the match award. Against the Pakistanis at Bristol, Walsh and Ambrose had been in their elements, with Walsh being

particularly impressive, in a fine display of seam bowling. The Jamaican has always been an outstanding performer in the overs-limit variety with a spell of five for one against the Lankans in Sharjah '86 being one of the great bowling feats in one-day cricket. That was a day when his off-cutters rattled the timber. He can both contain and strike as his 213 wickets in 190 matches at an economy rate 3.87.

136. -----,-----,-----, -----, WIN, AUSTRALIA AGAINST PAKISTAN.

SIDDIQUI (Kamran). Kangaroo overtakes 'Rawalpindi Express'. Nation and the World. 8,186; 1999, July, 16; 28-29.

Kangaroos romped home in the world cup final against Pakistan and become the second holders of the title twice after West Indies. Aussies came back into the semis after a bitter fight against the strongest team of this tournament South Africa. In the semifinal against South Africa, which resulted in a riveting tie, a cliff hunger. It is own basis of run rate that the tie was resolved and the Australians came out winners. This team entered the super six bagging only zero point, later on, it registered seven consecutive wins including the final match against the flamboyant Pakistanis, unexpectedly, the final was insipid, glaringly against the Lord's tradition. It was totally one sided match.

137. -----, -----, -----, -----,----- AUSTRALIA AGAINST SCOTLAND.

CORBETT (Ted.). Scotland gives a good account even in defeat. Hindu. 122, 117; 1999, 18; 18.

The author had expected that the romantic idea Scots, the title expected that the romantic idea who somehow won their way in the world cup proper, might beat Australia dead. In Australian success by six wickets with 31 balls to spare was not a formality but there were few anxious moments along the way. Scotland's opening batsman Patterson hit a four off the first ball of the match, the team ran up 181 for seven and in the middle of the Australian innings snatched two wickets in three balls. But its trail attack could not handle M. Waugh, the "Man of the Match". He made runs with the casual majesty that is his trade mark and when his brother Steve, the Australian captain, decided to put bat hard against every ball the Scots could only stand back admiringly.

138. CORBETT (Ted). Wee fok put up a big fight. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 42.

The Scots were, naturally, pleased with their first try at the world cup proper and not surprisingly, lifted by the way they had completed to the last ball against Australia, the competition favourites. Scots know they are 'wee' folk but they will tackle a giant any day in preference to submitting to any other country on a sporting field. Thus their batsman met Aussies pace, gradually took the extreme sting out of their two English trained country players Hamilton and J. Brinkley to score runs at five an over in the middle of the innings. They even forced Steve Waugh to bring himself into the attack. The Australians were also affected by nerves. They could not control the white duke ball and as the Scots remained defiant a sort of panic set into their ranks. The casual brilliance of Mark Waugh's 67 off 114 balls. He and Steve settled the match but not

before we had seen one more stout-hearted performance from a Scottish star.

139-----, -----, -----, -----,-----, AUSTRALIA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

RAJAN BALA. Australia tie with South Africa, break into final. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 45.

Australia pulled off a dramatic tie with South Africa in a heart-stopping world cup semi final of low scores and stormed into the final against Pakistan due to their higher position on the super six table. In an edge of the seat thriller, Australia, bowled out for a modest 213 in 49.2 overs after being put in, dismissed South Africa for the same score with two balls to spare. Australia went through to the final against Pakistan at Lord's due to their higher position in the Super six tie. South Africa crashed out close to triumph for the third world cup running. Legspinner Shane Warne spun a magic web around the South African batsmen, capturing a superb four for 29 to pull Australia firmly back into reckoning.

140. LOKAPALLY (V). Photo Finish. Sportstar. 22, 26; June, 26; 10.

Only a few thousand had the fortune of witnessing the match at the ground, through millions would have seen it on the TV. It was not the first match to end in a tie, but it was the first tie in a world cup competition. It was an astonishing result at Edgbaston. The Australian victory spoke of the tremendous resolve the team had to hold its own in a very difficult situation.

141 SHASTRI (Ravi). It is a pity South Africa lost. Times of India. CLXII, 145; 1999, June, 19; 21.

The best game of the tournament, and a tie, the most appropriate result between two of the most competitive teams in the world what a pity that South Africa still had to lose. But all credit to Australia for pulling themselves out of a crises, and then winning the humdinger when everything seemed lost. The bludgeoning blows of Lance Klusener brought all of us to the edge of our seats, and South Africa to the brink of victory. But the player of the match was Sharne Warne. He bowled a magical spell. South Africa were off to a roaring start, but now things changed after Warne come on to bowl. Paul Reiffel almost become the villian of the day by dropping Klusener in the final stages of the game. Australia were remarkable under such acute pressure, which finally told on klusener instead. He run out his partner with victory only a 22-yearad lap away. For the player of the tournament, this was a tragic end. But at the end, the better side won.

142 SRIKANTH (K). Steve Waugh wins a big battle leading from the front. Hindu. 122, 145; 1999, June, 15; 19.

Australia beat South Africa in a cracker of a match to make the semifinals, Steve Waugh, the architect of the victory, played one of the finest innings in one day internationals. The Australian captain's never-say-die attitude saw him and Ricky Pointing put on a brilliant century stand that took the team closer to the target services. Unfortunately though, it has not been often enough.

**143. -----,-----,-----,-----,-----, AUSTRALIA
AGAINST WEST INDIES.**

VISWANATH (G). Mc Grath's match. Sportstar. 22, 24; 1999, June, 12; 27.

Australia won a crucial game against the West Indies in Group 'B' by outplaying their opponents by six wickets but they lost some supporters as they attempted to manipulate the tournament rules. Once they had the match in the bag they slowed down the scoring rate to a crawl in an attempt to keep down the scoring rate to a crawl in an attempt to keep New Zealand out of the super six stage which would have enabled Australia to carry forward two points into the next round. After dismissing the Caribbeans for 110 in 46.4 overs, Australia made 111 for 4 in 40.4 overs. Struggling pace spearhead Glenn McGrath struck from in telling fashion as Australia bundled out West Indies in their do-or-die clash to lift themselves back into contention. He claimed career best figures of 5-14.

144. RAJAN BALA. Aussies win shorn of sheen. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, August; 56.

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**145. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, AUSTRALIA
AGAINST ZIMBABWE.**

LUTHRA (Vikas). Australia sail home. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 29.

The author states that Australian (Mark Waugh) and a Zimbabwean Neil Johnson made it a perfect day by carving out centuries. Australia won the match only because they made the third highest score of the seventh world cup and Zimbabwe lost only because they were chasing a formidable target which only Neil Johnson felt could be overhauled on a flat track. Australia made 303 for four and restricted Zimbabwe to 259 for six.

146. -----, -----, -----, -----, AUSTRALIA, MCGRATH (G.).

LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Deadly first spell by McGrath. Sportstar. 22, 25; 199, June, 19; 38.

The 77 runs hiding the Indians received in their first super six match put in perspective the strength of the team when playing a quality opposition on a responsible pitch. The team decided to opt for Tendulkar as opener and the first positive step had been taken. The second was the toss and here the Indian skipper erred by electing to field. Glenn Mc Grath, the 'Man of the Match', dictated the contest and sealed the fate of the Indians in a span of 20 balls. His victims read Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Azharuddin. At the other end, Demien Fleming had seen the back of Sourav Ganguly and the Indian innings, at 17 for four, lay in absolute ruins.

**147.,,,, WIN, BANGLADESH
AGAINST PAKISTAN.**

RAJAN BALA. Bangladesh stun Pakistan. Cricket world. 4,1; 1999, July; 57.

Bangladesh pulled off a coup by stunning formidable Pakistan by 62 runs in a historic verdict in Group 'B' that left the debutants overjoyed for more reasons than one on the last day of the league phase of the tournament. Bangladesh made 223 for nine in 50 overs and then dismissed Pakistan for a mere 161 in 44.3 overs.

**148.,,,,, ENGLAND AGAINST
KENYA.**

CORBETT (Ted). England Consumes Kenya. Hindu. 122, 119; 1999, May, 20; 18.

Only the weather seemed likely to halt an England win. There was a rain break of 42 minutes but when the game resumed Nasser Hussain and Hick zipped the score along at five an over and, as if to welcome their stroke play, the darkness lifted. The game ended with a nine wicket win for England at 7-55 (local time) in light that the Kenyans, who had found a rotten day to show off their wares, can rarely have witnessed in their sunny land. Steward batted aggressively before he was stranded on the back foot trying to play forward and bowled by the exultant odayo. The gulf between the sides widened with every ball but at least the weather did not produce an injustice, which threatened when the umpires mistakenly allowed a lunch break of 54 minutes instead of 45. This World Cup seems to have been appallingly organised.

149. VISWANATH (G.). Easy for the host. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 27.

For the second time in as many matches. England's batting was hardly tested. The result was yet another huge win by nine wickets against Kenya on a cold, windy and wet day at Canterbury. The match started 90 minutes behind the scheduled time because of a wet and slippery outfield. This was a match in which Kenya once again displayed its batting flair. Steve Tikolo stood out, and Ravinder Shah and Thomas Odoyo came up with useful knocks. But Kenya's final tally after being put in to bat by Allec Stewart was not enough to stretch England. Stewart won his second consecutive toss. This has been a world cup in which luck has smiled on the England captain. He had no hesitation in putting Kenya in. The Kenyan captain had sounded optimistic of challenging England, which did not go down well with some of the critics.

**150. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----ENGLAND
AGAINST SRI LANKA.**

VISWANATH (G). Professional display by the home team. Sportstar. 22, 22; 1999, May, 29; 54.

The match winners for England in their eight wicket victory were Alec Stewart won the toss, led his team efficiently and came out with a big contribution with the batting performance, Allan Mullaly who bowled an inspired spell to bag four wickets, and G. Hick and Nasser Hussain who took vital catches. It was through professional performance by some of the England players against a team whose form was on the decline for more than six months. Stewart and Hick made light of the Sri Lankan bowling with a stand worth 125 runs. England did not give a blazing start to the world

cup, but displayed a great degree of commitment to outsmart the defending champion by a good margin.

151. -----,-----,-----,-----,----- INDIA AGAINST PAKISTAN.

ABBAS (A). My neighbour, My Foe. Outlook. V, 23; 1999, June, 21; 58.

The author says that the Pakistanis rue in a match is worth more than the cup. Pakistanis throughout the country were glued to their television and radio sets. All work came to a standstill. One always loses some matches when playing cricket. It's only natural. But the kind of over-confidence shown by our seniors is totally unacceptable. How can Wasim Akram say that it is a practice match. This set the tone for the whole game, and the Pakistanis players took it so easy that it looked like they were playing against a country side and not their arch-rivals. At a time, when a lot of bad news is pouring in, whether it's to do with the economy or the political front, many feel that Pakistan needed this victory to give the people a much needed boost.

152. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, INDIA AGAINST SRI LANKA.

CHOPRA (D). Simply, It was India's day. Cricket Samrat, 2,7; 1999, July, 86.

Saurav Ganguly (183) and Rahul Dravid (145) shared a record 318-run partnership to steer India to a fantastic 157 run victory over reigning champions Sri Lanka to brighten their chances of qualifying for the super six, carrying the team's points tally to four from four

games. India compiled a total of 373 for six and then restricted Sri Lanka to 216 in 42.3 overs. Robin Singh finished with 5-31.

153. SHAM (S.K.). Of pitches and Columnists. Blitz, LIX, 74; 1999, May, 30; 27.

The mid -Summer mayhem that Sri Lanka were subjected to at Taunton the other day would not forgotten for a long time by the defending champions. The match, which saw several world cup batting records topple, would, in turn, be remembered by the Indian team for the manner in which a great myth- that they are a one-man army was exploded. Rahul Dravid and Saurav Ganguly made sure that what was considered good luck by the Lankans, and the other way round by Azharuddin, turned into same kind of a joke.

154-----, -----, -----, -----,-----, INDIA AGAINST KENYA.

LUTHRA (V). India Kayo Kenya. Cricket World, 4, 1; 1999, July; 4.

Sachin Tendulkar arrived in Bristol with gloom in his heart, but a fierce desire to serve the team. Mourning the death of his father, the Indian maestro took his grief out on the Kenyan bowling to carry India to their highest ever total in a one-day international. Tendulkar struck an unbeaten 140 and put on a record breaking 237 runs for the unbroken third wicket with Rahul Dravid (104 not out) that guided India to a 94 run victory, their first in the current world cup. Sachin's 22nd hundred and Dravid's fourth shattered the Kenyan bowling. They batted to a plan as the two ran quick singles.

**155. -----,-----,-----,-----,-----, NEW ZEALAND
AGAINST BANGLADESH.**

SINGH (V). Kiwis bowl over Bangladesh. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July, 39.

New Zealand warmed up for the tougher battles ahead with an easy six wicket victory over debutants Bangladesh in their opening group B encounter at Chelmsford. After bowling out Bangladesh for a mere 116 in 37.4 overs. Chris Cairns (7) hit the winning runs with Roger Twose (30) being the often not out batsman. Top scorer Mathew Horne (35) fell with the Kiwis needing only 12 runs for victory.

156. VIJAYAKAR (Pradeep). Kiwis roll over Bangladesh. Times of India. CLXII, 116; May, 19; 19.

Bangladesh though beaten by New Zealand by six wickets, put up a spirited fight in their group 'B' match. Put in to bat by the Kiwis skipper S. Fleming, the Bangladesh batsmen batted at times like millionaires with little to lose unbecoming of the babes of the world cup cricket. The outcome was a score of a mere 116 against New Zealand on a chilly and windy day before 5,000 people, quite a few of them their countrymen. It was the lowest total registered by an affiliate of the I.C.C. in the cup. M. Allot continued the trend of left handers thriving in their cup when having two early dismissals of the openers.

**157 -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, NEW
ZEALAND AGAINST INDIA.**

RAJAN BALA. Disinterested India lose out. Cricket World. 4, 2; 1999, August; 40.

The match did not have any lustre. There was no interest left in the game for the Indian who had failed to make it to the semifinals. Much before the start of the match, it was as if the Indians knew the result and their destiny. There was a relaxed approach to their batting and bowling. It all depended on what was going to happen in the Pakistan-Zimbabwe match at the Oval. New Zealand had to win the match to get past Zimbabwe who also had five points, on net run rate.

**158. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, PAKISTAN
AGAINST NEW ZEALAND.**

VISWANATH (G). Kiwis fall woefully short. Sportstar. 22, 24; 1999, June, 12; 42.

Middle order batsman Inzamamul Haz held the centerstage cracking an unbeaten 73 off only 61 balls as Pakistan cruised to 269 for eight in 50 overs in their Group 'B' match at the Race course ground. New Zealand finished with 207 for eight in their 50 overs to give Pakistan their fourth straight win. Kiwis won the toss and put Pakistan into bat.

**159. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, PAKISTAN
AGAINST SCOTLAND.**

LUTHRA (Vikas). Pakistan Crush Scotland, Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July; 44.

In the end, the target of 262 deemed 40 runs too far for Scotland's canny clubmen, Shoaib Akhtar, bowling at a pace beyond the batsmen's experience, made it even more difficult. Replying to Pakistan's 261 for six, Scotland reached 167 in 38.5 overs. Akhtar (3-11), Razzaq (3-38) and Akram (3-23) were all the main wicket takers. Hamilton, an England hopeful, was the top scorer with 76.

**160. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, PAKISTAN
AGAINST WEST INDIES.**

BISWAS (Prabir). When there is an intense desire to win nothing is impossible. Rashtriya Sahara. VII, 2; 1999, June; 76.

The author expresses his views about tottering at 42 for 4 at one stage, Pakistan piled up 229 for 8 at Bristol against the West Indies. Their middle order batsmen steered the innings. Wasim Akram played a Captain's knock by blasting 42 off 29 balls including 2 fours and 2 sixes. Pakistan piled up 83 runs in the last ten overs.

**161. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, PAKISTAN
AGAINST ZIMBABWE.**

VISWANATH (G.). Totally one-sided. Sportstar. 22, 26; 1999, June, 26; 32.

Pakistan was in danger of being knocked out. It was embarrassing, nay awkward situation, for only the weak before,

Wasim Akram's team was counted on by its supporters to win the world cup for the second time in seven years. So after three consecutive defeats from the last match of the preliminary stage to the second of the super six-Pakistan faced crises situation. But Pakistan is a good side and it thrashed Zimbabwe by 148 runs and in the process eliminated India from the competition. The reward for the day's toil was two points and a passage into the semifinals.

162. LUTHRA(Vikas). Pak power into Semis. Cricket World. 4, 2; 1999, August, 39.

After three consecutive defeats, Pakistan faced a crises situation. They were in danger of being eliminated. It was an embarrassing situation for a team who were emerging as a real threat to favourites South Africa and Australia in the competition. But Pakistan came back into reckoning by defeating Zimbabwe by 148 runs. In the process they eliminated India from the competition. Pakistan earned two points and a place in the semi-finals.

163. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, **PAKISTAN AGAINST AUSTRALIA.**

LUTHRA (V). Pak post a close win. Cricket World. 4, 1; 1999, July; 48.

Pakistan won the crucial match against Australia by 10 runs in a close Group 'B' encounter at Headingley. After reaching 275 for eight in 50 overs. Pakistan dismissed Australia for 265 in 49.5 overs. Steve Waugh's exit, bowled by an express Shoaib Akhtar delivery with the score on 238, literally marked the end of Australia's fight that he (49) and Michael Bevan (61) added 91 runs.

164. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST ENGLAND.

LUTHRA (Vikas). South Africa clobber England. Cricket World. 41; 1999, July; 45.

The target was only 226 which seemed a simple one. But the Englishmen let themselves down as they lost by 122 runs with nine overs remaining even though they attempted to bat for their full quota of overs as a matter of pride. Replying to South Africa's modest 225 for 7 made in 50 overs, the hosts were dismissed for 103 in 41 overs at the Oval. Donald took four wickets for 17.

165. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST KENYA.

PANDYA (Haresh). South Africa choke Kenya. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July; 51.

South Africa romped home to a fourth straight win when they humbled Kenya by seven wickets in their Group 'A' match. Lance Klusener captured five wickets for 21 runs in his 8.3 overs to restrict Kenya to 152 in 44.3 overs. South Africa replied with 153 for three in 41 overs, with Kallis (44) and Callinian (35) sharing an unbroken 67 run fourth wicket stand.

166. BRYANT (J). South Africa Keep winning. Hindustan Times. LXXV, 193; 1999, May, 28; 20.

Lance Klusener claimed the first five wicket haul of the world cup as favourites South Africa stormed into the second round with a seven wicket victory over Kenya. Klusener, South Africa's hero with

the bat in previous matches showed his bowling talents by grabbing five for 21 as the kenyans were shot out for 152 after being sent to bat. The Kenyans, put into bat, raced to 80 for one before losing their last nine wickets for 72 runs.

167. -----, -----, -----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST NEW ZEALAND.

VIJAYANKAR (Pradeep). South Africa storm into semifinals. Times of India. LXXV, 158; 1999, June, 12; 19.

The author states that South Africa did India a favours by beating New Zealand by 74 runs in the world cup super six game and became the first team to make the semifinals at the Warwickshire county ground. They made their best score of the series 287 for five and thus kept down New Zealand to 213 for 8 in 50 overs with skipper Cronje getting among the wickets.

168. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST PAKISTAN.

LUTHRA (Vikas). South Africa Sweep Out Pakistan. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 26.

South Africa's depth batting and bowling and their firm resolve overcame Pakistan's flawed brilliance in see-saw battle that went down to the wire and produced a familiar hero. Lance Klusener stole a game that Pakistan seemed to have wrapped up. Replying to Pakistan 220 for seven, the South Africans reached 221 for seven with one over remaining in the 50-overs contest.

**169. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SOUTH AFRICA
AGAINST SRI LANKA.**

VISWANATH (G). South Africa crushes Sri Lanka. Hindu. 122, 120; 1999, May, 21; 18.

The author discusses that South Africa had pushed Sri Lanka to its record defeat and palpably to the brink of its world cup campaign South Africa had been given the leeway to maintain its winning run, in what was a crucial match for both the teams, by a guts and glory show by a natural striker like Lance Klusener, who was declared the Man of the Match. The 89-runs win was South Africa's second in as many matches, but one which heightened the somewhat embarrassed to demonstrate its resilience, in which the fast and seam bowlers played the vital role.

**170. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, SRI LANKA
AGAINST ZIMBABWE.**

SHUKLA (Ashish). All is not lost yet. Cricket Samrat. 2,7; 1999, July; 72.

Zimbabwe's dream run ended. The reigning champions won their first match and earned two points at New Road in Worcester. Sri Lanka won by four wickets with four overs to spare. Replying to Zimbabwe's 197 for nine, Sri Lanka made 198 for six in 46 overs. Marvan Atapattu made 54 to be adjudged the 'Man of the Match'. Jayawardene 31 off 36 balls and the undefeated 41 runs stand between.

171. -----,-----,-----, -----, -----, WEST INDIES AGAINST NEW ZEALAND.

VIJAYAKAR (Vijay). West Indies crush Kiwis. Times of India.CLXII, 123; 1999, May, 26; 19.

The author says that are surgent pace attack and some positive batting display by their top order helped West Indies beat New Zealand by seven wickets. Mervyn Dillon, one of the young brigade of quickies, captured four for 46 as New Zealand, put in, were out for 156 in 48.1 overs. With Jacobs 80 and Brian Lara 36 adding 72, West Indies were home in 44.2 overs. King captured two for just 29 in his ten on trot. Walsh had one for 23 in ten and Ambrose equalled Gavin Larsen 19 in ten in this cup. Adam Parore and Harris had a seventh wicket stand of 50 but it was always an uphill task with the cloud cover helping the bowlers. When he snapped Larsen off Simmens Jacobs joined the ranks of five keepers to claim five victims, the other being Kirmani, Jimmy Adams, Rashid Latif and Mongia.

172. -----,-----,-----,-----, -----, WEST INDIES AGAINST SCOTLAND.

LUTHARA (Vikas). Windies Swamp Scotland. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July; 52.

West Indies out classed Scotland by eight wickets in their Group 'B' match Scotland won the toss and decided to bat. They made just 68 off 31.3 overs. The West Indies reached the target in only 11 overs from Gravin skipper Brian Lara hitting two fours and a six off one over from Gavin Hamilton. The match ended with the break between innings still 20 minutes away. The Scotland total was

the second lowest in world cup history. Ambrose bowled 10 overs for two wickets and eight runs. Walsh bowled seven in a row for seven runs and three wickets. He was adjudged the 'Man of the Match', Hamilton, with the help of John Blain and Asim Butt who hit a large six offking, took the score from 29 for 7 to 67. Finally, the old combination of Chanderpaul (30 not out) and Lara (25) took the team to their easiest win in the tournament.

**173. -----,-----,-----,-----, -----, ZIMBABWE
AGAINST SRI LANKA.**

VISWANATH (G). Honest Performer. Sportstar. 22, 23;. 1999, June, 5; 54.

The author expresses his views about a man who troubled the Zimbabwe batsmen was Wickrama Singhe. He bowled ten overs and took three wickets. Flower, Paul Strang and Skipper Alistair CAMphell. He did not have a great start against England in the opening match. Sri Lanka was in a desperate situation and seeking its first win. Arjuna Ranatunga won the toss and decided to field, Vaas and Wickrema Singhe had a specific job to perform against the Zimbabweans. Wickrema Singhe is not a great fast bowler, but at the same time he is not one who bowls up and down stuff. He came into the world cup with 89 wickets. He bowled one of his better spells, and literally put Sri Lanka on the road to victory.

**174. -----,-----,-----,-----, -----, ZIMBABWE
AGAINST INDIA.**

SHASTRI (Ravi). Unforced Errors. Outlook. V, 20; 1999, May, 31; 61.

Two defeats have exposed the players of brittle in the mind and on the field. Cricket isn't only about creating opportunities, but also exploiting them. India, loaded with talent, flattered to deceive. The rousing manner in which the proteas finished it off offered some lessons, but I wonder whether anyone in the Indian side was willing to learn. In the next game, the fundamental error increased. I have never seen a side concede 51 extras. And nobody kept a watch on the clock to compound the misery with a four over penalty that increased the pressure on batsmen, what with Tendulkar having had to fly home. It seemed neither side wanted to win. The batting, bowling and fielding by both sides were mediocre but the climax was exciting.

175. BASU (B.). Cup that cheers. Sunday. 26; 23; 1999, June, 6-12; 4.

The author expressed that there was disappointed about India's loss to South Africa, but there was no feeling of Sharne. The Indian team at least put up a gritty performance before losing out. But the loss against Zimbabwe was a kind of humiliation that would rankle the cricket - crazy Indian's hearts for a long time. What India needs badly is the hunger to win. Though it is difficult to repeat the 1983 performance, the two successive wins against Kenya and Sri Lanka would give the Indian team the much needed boost.

176. SINGH (IV). India came into Zimbabwe. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July; 41.

It was totally indisciplined, unprofessional and pathetic performance by India that enabled Zimbabwe snatch victory from the

Jaws of defeat. India conceded as many as 21 wides and 16 no balls and the extras to 51. Replying to Zimbabwe's 252 for nine in 50 overs, India were dismissed for 249 in 45 overs.

177. -----, -----, -----,-----,-----, **ZIMBABWE, JOHNSON (Neil).**

VISWANATH (G). Demanding attention. Sportstar. 22;24; 1999, June, 12; 39.

This article deals with Neil Johnson stepped into deal a massive blow on the South African's pride and also blemish their clean record. At the end of the day, the name of Johnson was on everybody's lips. Johnson's exploits 76 and three for 27 turned out to be one of the best accomplishments in the first phase. Johnson's feat helped Zimbabwe qualify for the super six with four points which will be more than handy when it comes to determining the qualifiers for the semifinals. In the process, it inflicted the first defeat on South Africa, which was hoping to maintain a clean slate in the first stage. Johnson's individual effort, indirectly, knocked England out of the world cup. There was ecstasy for Zimbabwe on one day, and agony for England the next day, defeated by India by a huge margin. This world cup has seen some wonderful performances by the South Africa all rounder Lance Klusener, the fast bowling of Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar and Glenn McGrath's great bowling spell at old Trafford. But Johnson's all round show must be deemed a towering deed of excellence quite simply because he took on the might of the South Africans with some help from his teammates.

**178. -----, -----, -----, -----, ----- ZIMBABABWE
AGAINST KENYA.**

LUTHRA (Vikas). Zimbabwe Pip Kenya. Cricket World. 4,1; 1999, July, 29.

This articles deals with all rounder Neil Johnson claimed four wicket for 42 runs and then topped it with breezy 59 runs to lead Zimbabwe to an easy five wicket victory against Kenya. Johnson claimed wickets of crucial moments as Zimbabwe restricted Kenya to 229 for seven in 50 overs after putting their African neighbours in to bat first. The youngster then helped Zimbabwe to 231 for five with nine overs to spare. Johnson, who has played most of his cricket in South Africa for Natal province but qualified to play for Zimbabwe only last year, proved his all-round credentials to help Zimbabwe to a fine victory.

**179. -----,-----,-----, -----, ----- ZIMBABABWE
AGAINST SOUTH AFICA.**

VISWANATH (G.). Zimbabwe overwhelms South Africa. Hindu.122, 128;1999, May, 31; 18.

The author had expected that Zimbabwe would make a strong and clear statement in its 122nd one-day international at the New Writtle road venue. It was a straight forward first victory in eight matches, it scored against South Africa in the last group 'A' match for both the teams in world cup 7. The import of the great win was an accurate to make categorical the glorious uncertainties of the game, replete with in the cricketing annals. Johnson, was the key man and had a direct influence in proceedings of the day which finally led to Zimbabwe's magnificent triumph. He was fluent in

batting for a better part of his tenure in the middle and then triggered the South African downfall in a sensational manner.

180. PANDYA (Haresh). Zimbabwe shock South Africa. Cricket World. 4, 1; 1999, July; 55.

Zimbabwe made a strong impression at the new wicket road venue, scoring this first victory in eight matches against South Africa in the last Group 'A' match for both teams. The third win gave Zimbabwe two more points to take their tally to six. After scoring 233 for six Zimbabwe restricted South Africa to 185 in 47.2 overs to win by 48 runs. The win showed the uncertainties of the game. All rounder Neil Johnson (Man of the Match) asserted himself as one of the finest all-rounders in present day cricket.

181. -----,-----,-----, **PLANNING.**

GURUSINGHA (Asanka). England will need watching. Cricket Samrat. 1999, June, 60.

During previous world cup tournaments there were many instances in which certain teams never played against certain other teams. However, this time round the format for the 1999 world cup seems better compiled. Here, the top three teams from each group would play each other and the top four of the super six will go to the semi-finals, all of which means that you would have played all the top teams before getting to hold the cup aloft. England have the biggest advantage of playing at home. England put up a good performance in Australia which would have boosted their confidence for the world cup.

182. -----,-----,-----, POWER, SHIFTED, BOWLERS, BATSMAN.

WAUGH (Steve). Bat will rule now. Blitz. LIX, 76; 1999, June, 13; 28.

The author had expected that the balance of power at the world cup has shifted dramatically in the last few days from bowlers to batsmen. The switch, brought on by better pitches and drier weather, was confirmed at Lord's when Mark Waugh and Neil Johnson both hit centuries.

183. -----,-----,-----, RAIN, RULE, FAVOUR.

BIPIN DANI. Cup rain rule finds favour. Blitz. LIX, 76; 1999, June, 13; 28.

The New Zealand cricket and Zimbabwe cricket union will opt for the "Duck Worth-Lewis method" for calculating number of overs to be bowled in rain affected matches for matches played in their countries from next season, according to sources close to both cricket boards.

184. -----,-----,-----, SACHIN, CAPTAIN, INDIA

RAJAN BALA. Make Sachin the Skipper. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August; 22.

The author argues that it is time India made Sachin Tendulkar the captain, and it is time too Indian cricket decided to swim or sink with Sachin, as captaincy is not just about allround ability, but it has to do with leadership of men and tactinal acumen, which the little

genius possesses in ample measure, though for heaven's sake, do not saddle him with that yoke answering to the name of Azharuddin.

185. -----,-----,-----, SAFE.

MOHAN (R). Good World Cup. Cricket World. 4,2; 1999, August, 13.

The main theme of this article is that a good world cup without any major story of disruptions, bomb threats with the exceptions of the minority, when Pakistan were playing Bangladesh, no travel plans thrown askew because of bandhs, no strike by air traffic controllers or conservancy worker for that matter, or standing in long queues at the gates while policeman decided what to do about security. All Rushmans offered at lunch was a Turkey sandwich. The fare was better and more varied at the other three world cup finals but it should not be the comfort factor of Journalists that should decide on the success or otherwise of global events.

186. -----,-----,-----, SAVE-CRICKET.

MALHOTRA (Pavan). Save Cricket. Sunday. 26,24; 1999, June, 13-19; 5.

This article rightly pointed out that the gizmos and gadgets have taken over the modern day cricket. Sadly enough, the day of the white fannels have gone along with most of the little niceties. Bob Woolmer, the hitec coach of South Africa may have brought innovations into the game of cricket, but he should be punished for trying out a one-way radio phone system with his captain in the field. The ICC must punish Hansie Cronje and Allan Donald for using ear-attachments in their match against India. It is time the ICC must take steps to save cricket from the onslaught of machine.

187. -----,-----,-----, SEARCH, YOUNGSTERS, INDIA.

VENGSARKAR (Dilip). Selectors will have to look to Youngsters. Indian Express. LXVII, 220; 1999, June, 17; 16.

Mohammad Azharuddin was being a spot when he said that it were our bowlers who let us down when it mattered most. For the match against Pakistan, if one goes through India's performances, it is clear that the bowlers either struggled to run through the lower batting order of the opponents, or they failed to contain or prevent them from running away with the match. The only weak link in the batting on this tour was, unfortunately the Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin. The selectors will have to look to more younger players like Amay Khusaria, Mohammad Kaif, Samir Dighe and MSK Prasad, as some of the current team members have lost the hunger to succeed and are taking their places in the side for granted.

188. -----,-----,-----, SHOCKED, INDIA.

SIMPSON (Bobby). Whole Team is shocked. Hindustan Times. LXXV, 137; 1999, May, 20; 21.

The uncertainties of life and cricket have never been more criselly exposed than through the tragic death of Sachin Tendulkar's father. Obviously, the whole team is shocked by the death and our players are with him and his family.

189. -----,-----,-----, SHOCKING-SURRENDER.

BRIJNATH (Rohit). Shocking Surrender. India Today. XXIV, 22; 1999, May, 31; 52-53.

Sachin Tendulkar's absence only highlights the inadequacies, of the Indian team which needs to come up with an inspired performance to offset the early defeats. The Indian team's inflated ability never quite transfers to the field when it counts.

190. -----,-----,-----, SOUTH AFRICA.

AKBAR (MJ). Anarchists and empires in a cricket world. Blitz, LIX, 73; 1999, May, 23, 3.

The article deals with the author expressing his views that the difference between South Africa and India was not of talent; but of discipline. South Africa is an efficient, elected dictatorship, the Indian team is a coalition government.

191. -----,-----,-----, TOSS, WEATHER.

BOYCOTT (Geoffrey). Weather or not. Outlook, 5,18; 1999, May, 17; 72.

The author states that in the current form, the pedigree count is clear, Australia and South Africa top the list. But then, imponderables abound. England are next because of home advantage, with talented Pakistan close behind. Early in the cup, the weather and the toss will be key. India has the world's best bat in Tendulkar. But they mustn't leave all the scoring to one person. Also, Robin Singh is a bit of a weak link as the fifth bowler.

192. -----,-----,-----, VICTORY, RESOUNDING.

BRIJNATH (Rohit), Basic flaws. India Today, XXIV, 25; 1999, June, 21; 56-58.

The author expresses his views about the resounding victory over Pakistan. The paper does not over the Indian team's lack of consistency. Evidently, Captain Azharuddin is not the only reason for India's failures - there is no one with self belief.

193. -----, -----, -----, WON AUSTRALIA.

VISWANATH (G). Aussie Spirit. Sportstar. 22, 27; 1999, July, 3; 8-12.

The author discusses that Australia have won the world cup twice, a record the West Indies held for two decades. Australia defeated Pakistan in final. Mark Waugh become the first batsman to score four centuries in world cup history and also crossed Allan Border's record to become Australia's highest scorer in one day international and Shane Warne's four wickets in the final his tally in LOI's past 200. Any team among the three in Australia, Pakistan and South Africa could have won the world cup. It was just that the Australian were destined to win it.

194. LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Regal Performance. Sportstar. 22, 27; 1999, July, 3; 14.

The final of the world cup to a one sided contest showed the vast difference between the teams. Australia was crowned the champion of the limited overs cricket world for the second time. For a team which had struggled in the initial stages, it was a breath taking display of mental toughness as Pakistan was swept off its feet. "Our batting failed" admitted Akram, who defended the decision to bat first on winning the toss.

195. SHUKLA (Ashish). Something about winners. Cricket Samrat, 2, 8; 1999, August; 66-67.

Australia's strength is not only talented and committed cricketers, it is also about the sense of nobility which guides them all though. They are tough as nails and use psychology to the utmost effect. They express themselves in thought and poetry, in tactics and stealth and deservedly are the best side in the world, both in Tests and one day cricket.

196. RAJAN BALA. Mental strength won the cup for Australia. Cricket World. 4, 2; 1999, August, 7.

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197. LOKAPALLY (Vijay). Match Winner. Sportstar. 22, 27; 1999, July, 3; 16.

Shane Warne is the best bowler in the world. In this tournament, as he struggled initially to take wickets, Warne was faced with better criticism. He won the grand semifinal for his team with a great spell. In the final, he destroyed the hopes of Pakistan with another lethal spell. He made Ijaz Ahmad look a novice with a ball which turned and hit the off stump.

198. SRIKANTH (K). Aussies in win mirrors the efficacy of teamwork. Hindu. 122, 147; 1999, June, 22; 19.

Contrary to expectations the final of the World cup '99 ended in an anti-climax. Australia beat Pakistan in an incredibly one-sided contest. In fact, it was an irony that it was a final. Australia richly deserved to win the world cup for its superior performance and, hats off to Steve Waugh and his men for achieving the ultimate in instant cricket after being on the verge of elimination in the preliminary round and again in the semifinal. This speaks volumes of the Aussie determination, tenacity and the desire to win.

199. CHOPRA (D). Australia Rule the World. Cricket Samrat. 2, 8; 1999, August; 36-38.

The author expresses his views about Australia crowned champion in this last world cup of the millennium in double quick time, clobbering Pakistan to an eight-wicket defeat in this most one sided of all finals at Lords. Needing mere 133 to win in the afternoon, left handed opener Adam Gilchrist (54) cut the much-vaunted Pakistan attack to ribbons, hitting his half century off only 33 balls with eight four and a six. Australia won with 29.5 overs to spare. Mark Waugh was unbeaten on 37 while D. Lehmann was not out 13 when the winning runs arrived. Australia's second world cup triumph after their narrow seven run win over England in Calcutta a dozen year ago.

200. -----, -----, -----, 2003 WORLD CUP, 16 TEAMS.

BIPIN DANI. 2003 World Cup may have 16 teams. Blitz. LIX, 76; 1999, June, 13; 25.

The author discusses that the top world cricket officials are likely to decide in favour of 16 teams for the 2003 world cup in South Africa. The South African organisers of the next world cup are pressing hard to raise the number of participating teams in the tournament.

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